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Senate OKs revised budget

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Pangelinan

The Senate voted unanimously on Friday to pass a substitute bill to replace the budget previously passed by the House of Representatives.

Details of the Senate version of the bill were not available at press time, as the author, Sen. Maria Frica T. Pangelinan, declined to release a copy until last-minute changes made to the legislation have been included in the text.

The bill, now bound to the House of Representatives for approval, contains provisions designed to cut the govern-

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3 suspects in Slater shooting arrested

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Police had already arrested the three suspects in the fatal gunshooting in Avondale, Cincinnati of a mechanical engineer assigned to a military ship on Saipan.

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Federal officials arrive for monument discussion

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Washington, D.C.-based Council on Environmental Quality Chairman James L. Connaughton arrived on Saipan yesterday afternoon along with two other federal officials to discuss the White House's bid to establish a national marine monument around CNMI's three northernmost islands.

About 65 members and supporters of the Friends of the Monument, a group of local residents backing the national marine monument proposal, welcomed the visitors—Connaughton, Coastal Quality's Sean A. Morton, and Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife and Parks Assistant Secretary Lyle Laverty—at Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The federal officials came from Guam after visit-

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Cinta Kaipat places a mwaar on the head of CEQ chairman James Connaughton while 65 other Friends of the Monument members look on. Inset, James Connaughton greets the line of Monument supporters at the entrance to the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday afternoon.

Monument backers sport orange ahead of forum

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Years ago, fashion magazines declared orange was "the new black," prompting some trend-conscious shoppers for a time to sport the one color that seems to clash with everything like it was going out of style. But on the streets of Saipan recently, orange appears to making a comeback as part

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CUC, DEQ in dialogue to address Aggreko's air emissions issue

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has been in dialogue with the Division of Environmental Quality to address the air emissions issue of Aggreko International's emergency generators.

CUC executive director Antonio Muna told *Saipan Tribune* that DEQ director Frank Rabauliman is addressing the air emissions issue on behalf of CUC with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"There is a dialogue. We're in any way not complying with EPA regulations," Muna stressed.

"We addressed the issues with emissions, that was on the table. We addressed the issues with DEQ on the fuel pipeline. That was there. All those were on the table as we need to discuss," he added.

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EPA reportedly has been gathering information regarding the Aggreko's emergency generators' air emissions and quality, and lack of permits.

Muna said that some people don't seem to realize that getting an EPA permit takes time.

"It is not a 30-day process. My understanding maybe months and sometimes years," he said.

The CUC official said people should realize that the hiring of Aggreko was done through the governor's emergency declaration.

"Bear in mind that we did sign Aggreko on June 19. The permit process could have said okay, June 19 we are going to do that. If we knew we are going to deliver Sept. 15, I could have said okay if we knew that for sure. But it was never for sure when we're going to get Aggreko," Muna said.

At the time, Muna said, they knew for sure that the engines at Power Plant 1 were failing and that the reservoir's levels were coming at a point where they were very low so water service was being affected.

"A lot of things that we're observing on the ground was from our standpoint, it was a state of emergency. Unfortunately there was really no way to gauge at what point we were committed to Aggreko to until the last part of July," he said.

Muna said CUC made the payment on Aug. 3 and 5 in which that point the utility agency has only 30 days to try do what it needs to do.

Muna said the state of emergency was then in effect and this allowed CUC to be exempted from local regulations that have to do with air emissions.

"But from a federal standpoint we left that with DEQ to address that with EPA," he pointed out.

Senate to DHS: Allow CNMI to keep its foreign investor visa program

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The CNMI Senate, in a unanimous vote on Friday, adopted a resolution urging the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to allow the CNMI to keep its foreign investor visa program as the federal government moves closer to taking control of the local immigration system.

The resolution, previously approved by the House of Representatives, comes amid fears that many of the foreign investors now in the CNMI would not qualify for the U.S. investor visa once local immigration is federalized next year. There is also concern within the local private sector that those investors who qualify for U.S. investor visa categories would leave the Commonwealth and take their businesses elsewhere in the United States.

According to the resolution, there are currently 505 permits issued to foreign investors, representing 435 companies, in the Commonwealth. Foreign investment in the Commonwealth provided direct tax revenues to the CNMI government of nearly $19.5 million in 2006 and over $16.5 million in 2007—about

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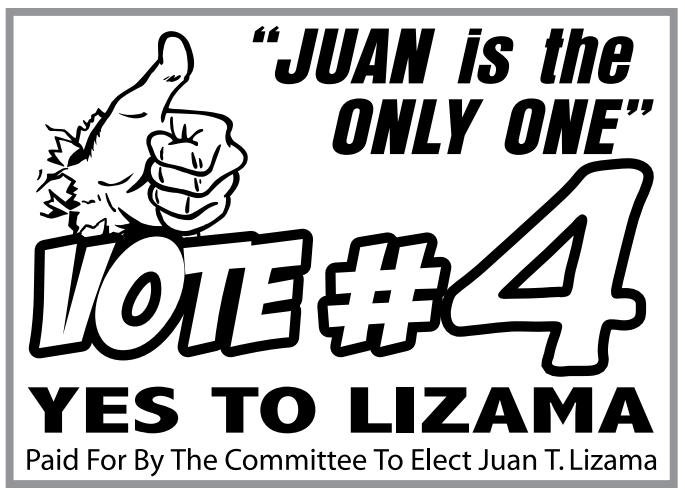

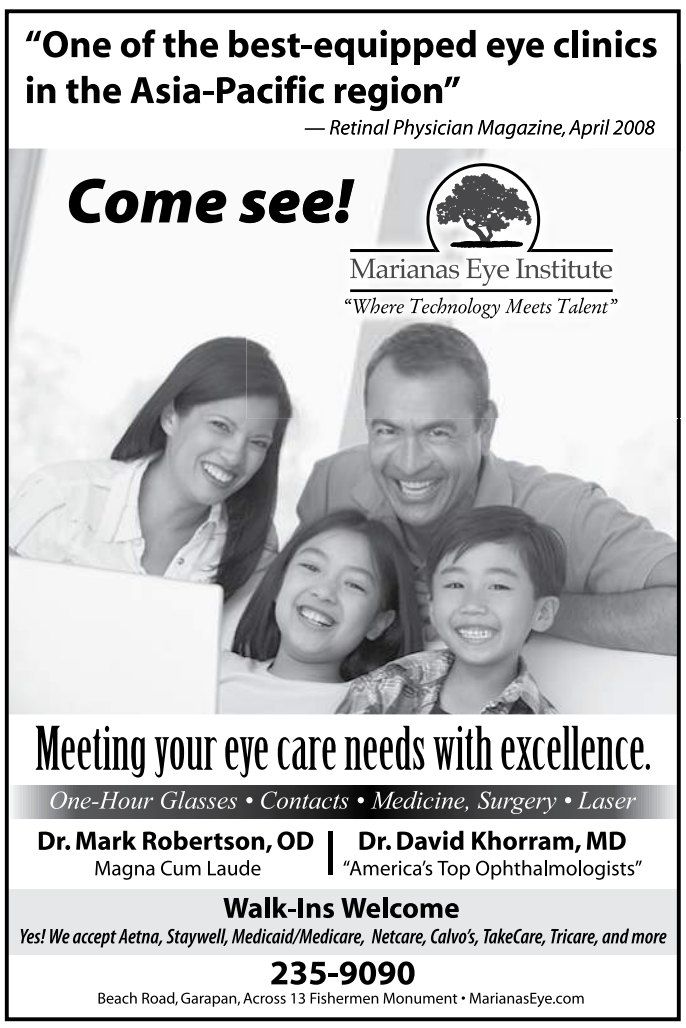
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Obama appeals to Chamorros, Guamanians

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With only a few weeks until the election, Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama is appealing to Chamorro and Guamanian voters for support in a statement, touching on key issues like the nation's suffering economy, healthcare costs, the environment, and even the dangers posed by tsunamis.

In an Oct. 16 letter to voters, Obama pointed to his childhood years in Hawaii and Indonesia as a sign of his close ties to people in the islands of the Pacific, in addition to the Asian contingent of his family.

Yet as the nation's economic crisis worsens during an ongoing war in Iraq, Obama said, many Asian and Pacific Islander voters are facing tough times

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., speaks at a rally at Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Mo. Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008.

"[F]or increasing numbers of Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent, the American dream is in danger of slipping away," he said. "Having spent most of my childhood in Hawaii, I understand firsthand the unique concerns of the Pacific Islanders. As president, I will make sure these issues get the federal attention they deserve."

Key among those issues, Obama said, are access to affordable healthcare, the environmental impact of climate change and needs to "strengthen the federal government's Pacific Tsunami Warning Center," all of which he vowed to address.

Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) voters are a key demographic for Obama and GOP candidate Sen. John McCain to win in the coming election. According to statistics from APIA Vote, an organization encouraging these communities to get to the polls on Election Day, they account for roughly 5 percent of the nation's population. Yet of the 7 million APIAs eligible to vote, only half are registered. In the 2004 presidential race, only about 3 million APIAs voted, the organization says.

The Good Doctor at AMP this weekend

The Good Doctor, the latest production of the Friends of the Arts will be staged at the American Memorial Park Auditorium this coming weekend.

The play will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, and Saturday, Oct. 25 starting at 7pm with a matinee performance on Sunday, Oct. 26, beginning 3pm.

Tickets for all performances are $10 for FOA members, $12 for non-members of FOA, and students with student ID are $5. ***(PR)***

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Increased harvest of main Hawaii Islands bottomfish proposed

HONOLULU, Hawaii—The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council in Honolulu last week recommend a total allowable catch of 241,000 pounds of seven deepwater bottomfish in the main Hawaiian Islands when the fishery reopens Nov. 15, 2008. This TAC represents a 35 percent increase from the 2007 TAC of 178,000 pounds, but it is less than the 254,000 pounds recommended by the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee last week.

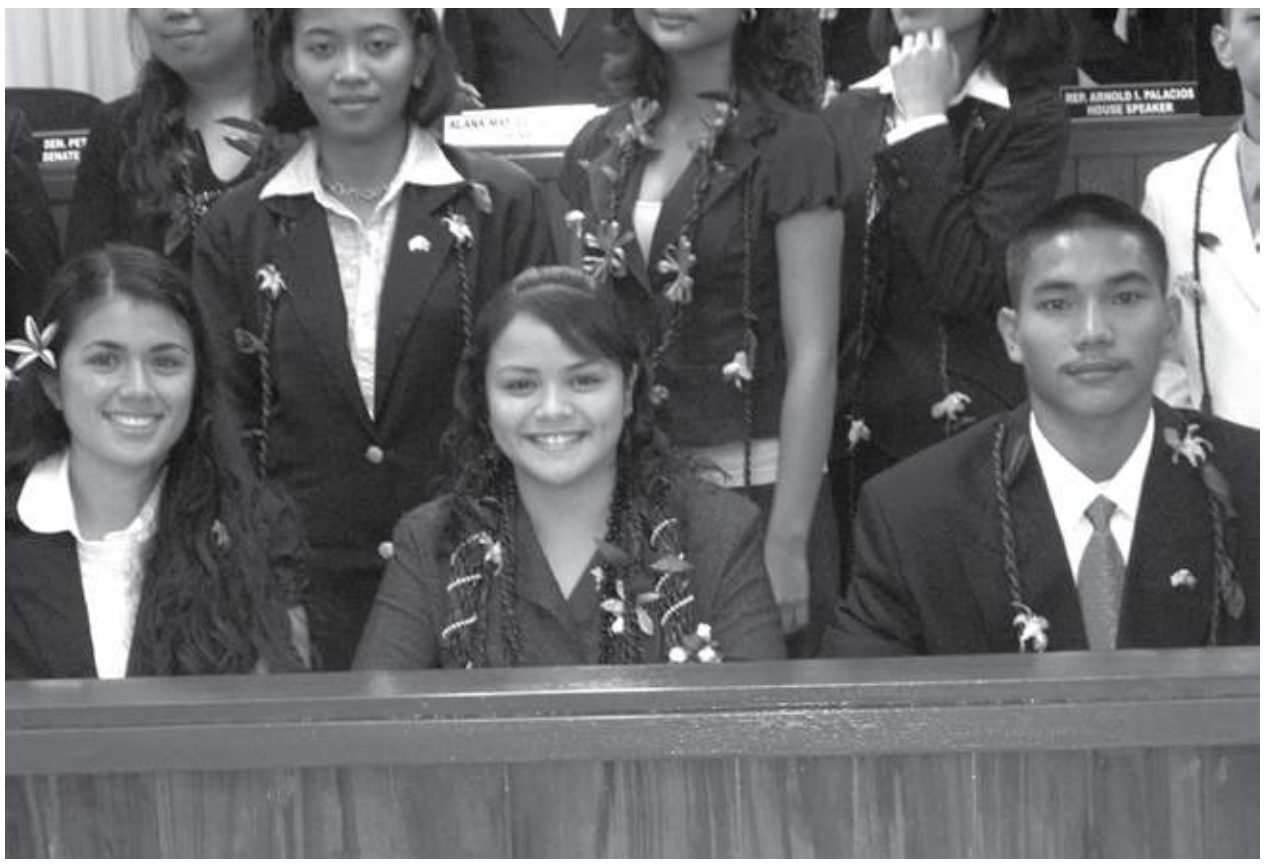
The 2008 TAC is based on an updated assessment of the archipelagic bottomfish stock by the NOAA Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC), which demonstrates that overfishing of Hawaii bottomfish is not occurring as previously determined and that the MHI segment of the stock is in better condition than the previous stock assessment indicated.

The TAC will be based on commercial catches only. However, non-commercial bottomfish fishermen will be required for the first time to obtain a permit and report their catches if fishing in federal waters, e.g., 3 to 200 miles offshore. If the TAC is reached before Aug. 31, 2009, then both the commercial and non-commercial sectors of the MHI bottomfish fishery will close until the 2009-2010 season begins on Sept. 1, 2009. The Council will consider 2009-2010 TAC at its July 2009 meeting to be held in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

In related matters, the Council today also recommended that PIFSC, the Council and NOAA Pacific Islands Regional Office immediately initiate a Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review for Hawaii bottomfish and that PIFSC continue to improve the bottomfish stock assessment before this review. The review should be completed for the SSC and Council to consider at their July 2009 meetings.

The Council is the policy-making agency for fisheries management in the offshore waters of the U.S. Pacific Islands. Recommendations made by the Council are transmitted to the Secretary of Commerce for approval. For more information, contact the Council at (808) 522-8220, info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov or www.wpcouncil.org.

Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council Members: Designated state officials: Ignacio Dela Cruz, CNMI Department of Land & Natural Resources; Alberto Lamorena, Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans; Laura Thielen, Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources; and Ray Tulafono, American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources. Designated state officials: Bill Robinson, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office; Jerry Leinecke, U.S. Fish and Wildlife; RAdm Manson K. Brown, District Commander, U.S. Coast Guard 14th District; and Bill Gibbons-Fly, U.S. Department of State. Appointees by the Secretary of Commerce from nominees selected by Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and CNMI governors: William Sword, recreational fisherman/civil engineer/manager (American Samoa)' Stephen Haleck, business owner (hotel and gas station) (American Samoa) (Vice Chair); Manuel Duenas, Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association (Guam) (Vice Chair); Frederick Duerr, resort and hotel consultant (Hawaii) (Vice Chair); Peter Young, environmental consultant (Hawaii); David Itano, researcher (Hawaii); Sean Martin, Pacific Ocean Producers (Hawaii) (Chair); Benigno Sablan, cultural practitioner (CNMI) (Vice Chair). ***(PR)***



YOUTH CONGRESS NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

The presiding officers of the 11th Youth Congress smile to the camera during the photo session. From left, Adeleyah Charlotte Mojica (Vice Speaker), Alana May Leon Guerrero (Speaker), and John Atalig Ayuyu (Floor Leader).

3 SUSPECTS

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Baby Gonzales Slater told *Saipan Tribune* over the weekend that three men were arrested a few days after the shooting of her husband, Woodrow Wilson Slater.

Mrs. Slater said there were three witnesses in the shooting and this led to the arrest of the suspects.

According to news reports from Cincinnati, the Hamilton grand jury indicted last Tuesday the three suspects—William Jones, 24; Reginald Johnson, 23; and Montez Lee, 19. The three are accused of robbing Mr. Slater of his money and his rented 2009 Dodge Avenger.

The three were charged with aggravated murder and robbery. The charges carry a maximum life sentence.

Witnesses told police that they saw three men pull Slater from the Dodge Avenger, beat him, kick him, then shoot him with a handgun.

Mr. Slater, 43, was shot dead in Avondale in the early morning last Sept. 28 (Cincinnati time). He was transported to University Hospital in Ohio where he died from gunshot wounds.

Reports said police were called to the 700 block of South Fred Shuttlesworth Circle at 3:30am where they found Mr. Slater who had been shot.

Mr. Slater was from Mobile, Alabama. According to Fox News the family said Mr. Slater had lived on Saipan for 10 years.

Mr. Slater was employed with Honeywell Technology Solutions Inc. in Florida and assigned as an equipment technician and earned the rank of lieutenant colonel at the military ship M/V *Bonnyman* on Saipan

Mrs. Slater said her husband left Saipan to visit Jim Maddox, his best friend and former co-worker on Saipan.

Mr. Slater was buried last Oct. 6 in Alabama.

Mr. Slater joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed primarily in the Philippines during his nine-year period of service. He achieved the rank of sergeant. He earned the equivalent of an Associate of Arts degree while in the military.

Family members and friends described Mr. Slater, or Woody as they called him, as easy-going guy who cared for all people and would give his shirt off his back and or his last dime.

When he was a boy, he watched a Wild West movie. When the shooting started, he hid under the bleachers.

"Needless to say, he grew out of that fear and proved over and over that he wasn't scared of anything," according to a family member.

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of a campaign by environmentalists to rally support for the White House's bid to establish a 115,000-square mile national marine monument around the CNMI's northern islands.

The proposed monument would encompass the islands of Maug, Asuncion, and Uracus, a region environmentalists have dubbed a "biodiversity hotspot" that is under increasing threat from human activity. Opponents of the plan, however, have long said the proposal would constitute an intrusion on the CNMI's autonomy.

In a statement Saturday, Friends of the Monument, a group of local residents backing the proposal, urged the public to wear orange at a public forum slated for today at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan where federal officials will take feedback on the issue from the community.

"This is the opportunity for the people of the CNMI to show their support for the monument," Ignacio Cabrera, the group's chairman, said of the meeting. "The Friends of the Monument are asking you to attend and to show your support. Please wear an orange T-shirt to the meeting, so that the federal officials know that we have very strong numbers."

Supporters of the monument, he added, are encouraged to wear orange throughout the week.

Monday's forum, hosted by the White House and federal agencies, is a key part of the government's efforts to assess the suitability of the CNMI's northern waters as the location of the proposed monument. Two other locales—a site in American Samoa and the Rose Atoll—are competing for the monument designation, which would bring heightened federal protections. The forum begins at 5:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, Friends of the Monument has said that on Monday, the group will unveil the number of signatures its members have collected for the petition in favor of the proposal. Opponents of the plan have previously said they are also circulating a petition against it.

SENATE TO DHS

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10 percent of total government revenues in each of those years.

Foreign investors own or control over $500 million in assets in the Northern Marianas. Combined, their companies provide jobs to over 1,700 U.S. citizens and their immediate relatives, representing 13 percent of the U.S. citizens and immediate relative workforce in the CNMI.

"These investors really are the backbone of our economy. For many of them, the CNMI is home. Unfortunately, this federalization will put them in a state of uncertainty. We're asking the federal government to address their predicament," said Rep. Luis Crisostimo.

For his part, Sen. Paul A. Manglona called for the creation of a task force that will speak on behalf of the Commonwealth on federalization issues. He said the CNMI should "speak with one voice," instead of sending different sorts of messages to the U.S. government.

"We keep coming out with piecemeal requests. What we need is a task force to look at these issues as a whole, so that we know what we want and how to convey that to the right people in Washington," Manglona said.

The Department of Homeland Security is now drafting regulations based on the recently signed legislation, which are due for release sometime later this year.

FEDERAL

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ing Hawaii and American Samoa.

Friends of the Monument Chairman Ignacio Cabrera said they are really inspired with the arrival of the federal officials.

Cabrera said the visitors are very glad when they greeted them with a warm welcome to the island.

He said Connaughton's group is scheduled to have a meeting with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial this morning.

The group will also have a meeting with the lawmakers during the joint Senate and House session at 11am today, Monday.

Cabrera said from 5:30pm to 7:30pm also Monday the visitors will conduct a public forum at Fiesta Resort and Spa.

President Bush seeks to establish a 115,000 square mile national marine monument around the islands of Maug, Asuncion, d Uracus.

SENATE

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ment's payroll, including unpaid legal holidays and the biweekly shutdown of government offices, also called "austerity Fridays."

The Senate version also provides itemized appropriations for the Executive Branch, a major change from the approach taken by the House, which proposes to give the governor full authority over the $75 million budget for the departments and programs under his wing.

"The [Senate] Fiscal Affairs Committee believes that the FY 2009 appropriation must be made with care, attention to detail and, to the greatest extent possible, preserve provision of the basic services of safety, health, and education," Pangelinan said.

"The House abdicated from its responsibility by giving the Governor a lump sum amount and allowing him to decide how he would use the money. So the House basically approved a budget for the Executive Branch not knowing how it would be spent. In other words, they do not know what they are approving," she added.

The budget currently under deliberation is for the 2009 fiscal year, which covers the period from Oct. 1, 2008 to Sept. 30, 2009.

If the House approves the Senate-passed version, the bill will head to the governor for his signature and then become law. If the House rejects it, a joint committee of House and Senate members will be formed to draft a budget that is acceptable to both houses.

Senate vows to continue DPL probe

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A Senate committee has vowed to look deeper into the distribution of homestead lots following allegations that the Department of Public Lands has unfairly issued quitclaim deeds to favored applicants.

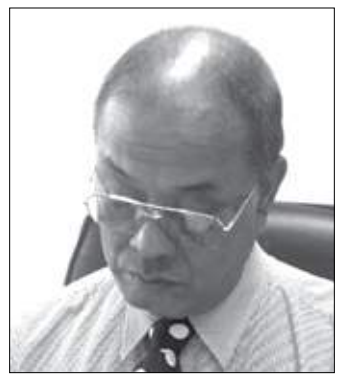
The Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs will conduct a public hearing on public land issues on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 10am in the Senate Chamber. DPL Secretary John S. DelRosario was invited to answer questions from the committee.

Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider, chairman of the committee, during a Senate session on Friday said the hearing will be held to gather information on all homestead-related issues, and not only on allegations that DelRosario's brother-in-law, Raynaldo Cing, gained a large piece of homestead land through nepotism.

"While the committee takes no position on this issue at this time, it is disturbing that there may be other homestead applicants similarly situated that have not yet been awarded deeds," Hofschneider said in a letter to Del Rosario.

The letter also urged DelRosario to provide a requested listing of all qualified homestead applicants and an accounting of all public land that has been deeded out as agricultural short conveyance over the last five years.

Hofschneider


DelRosario

Hofschneider told DelRosario that the information "should make clear the status of all applicants and I am certain that you too would like this matter resolved so that there may be no appearance of impropriety at DPL."

DelRosario last week blasted Taotao Tano for what he called the "moronically baseless" allegations of impropriety when it came to the homestead allotment granted to Cing. The allegations have prompted Cing's brother, former senator David Cing, to suspend his campaign for congressional delegate.

The allotment of the homestead land, DelRosario said in a statement, was granted long before he took on the role as DPL's secretary. He said a memorandum prepared by the former director of the Homestead Division shows that Raynaldo Cing had applied for an agricultural homestead in 1976 when the NMI was still under the old Trust Territory Government. The former Marianas Public Lands Authority approved Raynaldo Cing's claim shortly before it was abolished in 2006.

In light of this approval, DelRosario said, "[m]y decision was basically ceremonial, honoring the former agency's approved disposition."

Man, 20, allegedly beats up minor girlfriend and elbows minor girl

A 20-year-old man allegedly beat up his minor girlfriend and elbowed her minor cousin near a basketball court in Koblerville last week.

Bernard R. Reyes was arrested for two counts of assault and battery, and one count of disturbing the peace.

A $3,500 cash was initially imposed for the defendant's temporary liberty. On Friday, Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo allowed Reyes to set a $2,500 unsecured bond and released him to his mother who is acting as third-party custodian.

Govendo set the arraignment for Oct. 27.

Detective Andrea Ozawa stated in her report that a caller informed the Department of Public Safety in the evening of Oct. 12 that there was a fight near the basketball court in Koblerville.

Police responded and medics were summoned to treat the injuries of the victims, a 17-year-old girl and her 12-year-old cousin.

Ozawa said Reyes fled before the police arrived at the scene. But Reyes was arrested later that same night when the victims' family called police that he was seen in the area again.

Police investigation showed that the 17-year-old girl, her brother, and cousin had just exited an internet café in Koblerville when Reyes, who was waiting outside, met them.

Reyes confronted his girlfriend as to whom she was with and where did she go that day.

The girlfriend told Reyes to leave them alone, but he followed them and punched a signboard.

The girlfriend tried to call the police. Reyes then dropped his backpack and told her to pick it up or else he would beat her up.

When the girlfriend ignored him, the defendant allegedly punched her on the left ear. He also allegedly threw an open can of beer, hitting her on the left ear again.

The 12-year-old girl tried to stop Reyes from beating her cousin, but the defendant instead allegedly elbowed her on the right eye.

When people in the area started to come out from their houses after hearing the commotion, Reyes ran away.

The girlfriend then called the police. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Newspaper theme for Sinbon's birthday

Francisco DLG Crisostomo was joined by family and friends as he celebrated his 54th birthday in style last Oct. 4 in Perioa, Arizona.

The party's theme was "Gazetta" which in Chamorro means newspaper. Crisostomo is actually known on Saipan as Francisco Sinbon and Sinbon sounds like Shimbun, which is newspaper in Japanese.

Crisostomo celebrated this special day with his beautiful wife, Julita Concepcion Crisostomo, his daughter Verna C. Debedebek, granddaughters Julia C. and Janece C. Salas, and Kialani G. Crisostomo, his son Joel C. Crisostomo and family, Pamela Cruz and Jeyanna C. Crisostomo, and teammates from his softball team, AZ ATMARAO. He was also joined by many other "locals" who are now currently residing in the hot state of Arizona.

At 54 years old, Crisostomo said everything you need to know about him is seen on his specially made newspaper birthday cake. ***(PR)***

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Crisostomo's youngest granddaughter lighted all the 54 candles.

The celebrant Francisco DLG Crisostomo looks on as his wife Julie blesses the food during his 54th birthday celebration last Oct. 4 in Perioa, Arizona.

The party's theme is newspaper which sounds like Shimbun which is newspaper in Japanese.

All of Crisostomo's gifts were wrapped in newspaper

The celebrant poses with John and Therese Crisostomo with their daughter

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Insurance firm sues firm, owner over $20,547 debt

An insurance company has sued a company and its owner for allegedly refusing to pay their $20,547 debt.

Royal Crown Insurance Corp. sued Mariana Islands Enterprise Inc. and its owner Chelita B. Romero for breach of contract.

Royal Crown, through counsel Joe Hill, asked the Superior Court to order the defendants to pay the principal amount under the promissory note plus interest, attorney's fees and court costs.

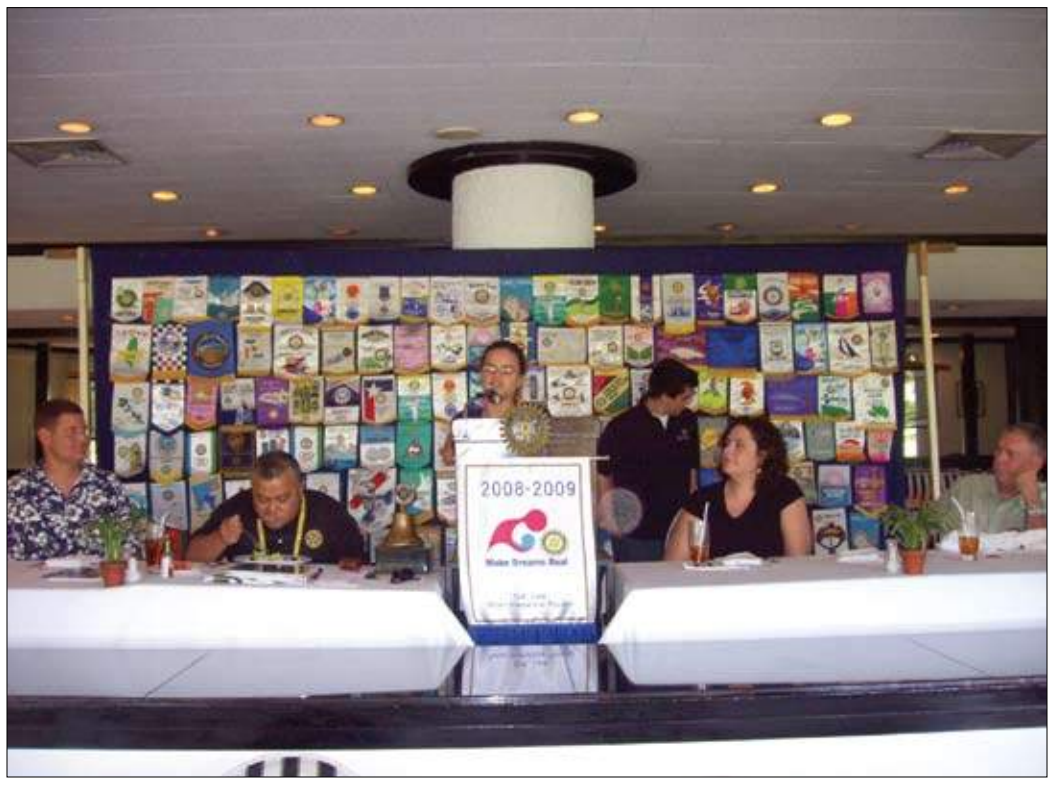
Saipan Tribune tried to contact Romero for comment, but her telephone number as listed in the directory book is no longer in service.

Hill stated in the complaint that Romero is the president and alter ego of Mariana Islands Enterprise and that she used and spent corporate funds for her own personal use.

Hill said that, on Nov. 29, 2007, Mariana Islands Enterprise and Romero executed to Royal Crown its promissory note in the principal amount of $20,547.

Under the note, Romero promised to pay monthly installment payments of $500 commencing Jan. 1, 2008.

"Defendants have failed and refused after numerous demands being made by plaintiff Royal Crown, to pay any amount on said promissory note and are in default and breach under their said promissory note," Hill said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***



MANTA BAND AT ROTARY

Southern High School's Manta Band member Trimmi MacDuff shares some of her thoughts before the regular session of the Saipan Rotary Club last week at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

Sex offenders ordered to update registration files

The Sex Offender Registry Unit would like to notify all convicted sex offenders in the CNMI to update registration files before Oct. 24, 2008 by 4:30pm at the SOR office, located at DPS Central Office in Susupe.

The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 provides for the use of federal law enforcement resources—including the U.S. Marshals Service—to assist a State in locating and apprehending non-complaint sex offenders. This act also makes it a federal offense, punishable up to 10 years in prison based upon interstate commerce for sex offenders who have not registered at the jurisdiction they reside and have moved to another state/territory.

Any person convicted of sexual crime is required under Public Law 11-104 to register as sex offenders at the Department of Public Safety. Public Law 11-104 mandates DPS, Adult Probation and the Office of Parole to register, update, photograph, fingerprint and keep on file all information about these offenders and to share, coordinate and update other affected law enforcement agencies.

The month of October is the third quarter of the year that the Sex Offender Registry Unit has scheduled for these monitoring operations and compliance checks of all Offenders. Due to the size of the community in the CNMI, Offenders easily change addresses, contact numbers, vehicles and employment status; therefore, the unit deems it necessary to conduct these operations in order to keep offenders complaint with their registry information.

All offenders who are in violation of Public Law 11-10 are advised to update their registration documents as to avoid a year of imprisonment and up to $1,000.00 in fines.

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Accomplished leaders featured on gender equality panel

Senator Maria "Frica" Pangelinan, attorney Rebecca Warfield, former NMC president Agnes McPhetres, businesswoman Kimberly King-Hinds, former Rep. Malua Peter, and other notable leaders will be tackling gender issues at an upcoming free forum this Thursday.

Entitled "The X Chromosome: Gender Equality in the CNMI," the forum is sponsored by the Northern Marianas Council for the Humanities as part of its We the People Project and organized by Taro Leaf, Inc.

Women today have less traditional "gender barriers" than their counterparts just a few decades ago. The highly-regarded political, business and community leaders like those mentioned earlier will be discussing whether these barriers still exist. And, whether it still takes "one of the boys" to obtain certain leadership roles in business or in government? They will also be discussing how gender plays a role in leadership styles.

Pioneering CNMI women will also share their own experiences in shattering the glass ceiling and important lessons they've learned while doing so. Other topics will include other key issues facing today's women. The forum will be moderated by Frances Sablan.

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TOP ROOKIE CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Guam Silpada Representative, Lou Sablan, ranked 5th nationwide in sales in the rookie category, poses with co-founders Bonnie Kelly and Teresa Walsh at the Silpada Design's National Conference this past July.

Rarotonga wharf to get $14M upgrade

RAROTONGA, Cook Islands (Cook Islands News)—Plans were revealed yesterday for NZ$24 million [US$14 million] worth of work to upgrade Rarotonga's main port.

The state of Avatiu Wharf has never been structurally sound, and it's one good reason for urgent rehabilitation and alignment of the port to cater for larger vessels, according to Ports Authority chief executive Nooroa 'Bim' Tou.

In a presentation to the infrastructure workshop yesterday, Tou said that work was needed to fix and realign the eastern side of the port, widen the entrance, and deepen the wharf to allow 120m container ships to berth, and room for a 150m turning basin. He said once the harbor is done up, cruise ships up to 200m in length will also be able to berth provided they are able to reverse out of the port.

Dredging, he said, will also assist in terms of container ships being allowed to continue to operate their crane when a jet aircraft takes off or lands from the north east.

The project should extend the life of the wharf for another 30 years, and should in the future save more in terms of making emergency repairs, and chartering smaller vessels.

The Avatiu Harbour expansion is expected to cost around NZ$24 million, according to a mid term report put out by a team of consultants—both local and overseas—preparing the infrastructure development project.

The procurement of a detailed design is being carried out, and the tendering process is expected to take up to six months. Work is expected to start in the third quarter of 2009.

The ADB's South Pacific sub-regional office infrastructure specialist Richard Phelps said that the tender process will basically be open to international bidders.

The Asian Development Bank, which was been involved with the infrastructure project, with government, has been prepared to put up around NZ$20 million in soft and ordinary loans to help finance the wharf expansion.

NZAid declined the proposal from government for a loan-buy down—where a sum of money is put aside and interest accumulated over a grace period, and then paid towards the cost of the project.

Kagman High School PTSA meeting on Oct. 21

Kagman High School has successfully welcomed a new school year of fun and learning with many academic, social, and cultural activities for the students. As the school embraces the collegial climate of student life, it reminds all that Kagman High School is zero tolerance for violence, drugs, alcohol, harassment, and other vices because it is a learning institution.

The line of communication between the parents, teachers, and students have been effectively opened by the successful first Parent Teacher Student Association last Sept. 24, 2008. Meeting dates have been pre-scheduled for every third Tuesday of the month. With all hopes to maintain open communication, Kagman High School wishes to announce that another PTSA meeting will be held on Oct. 21, from 6pm to 7pm.

It be held at via video teleconference between Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School

Cafeteria and Kagman High School. ***(PR)***

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October 20, 1999

CRM to decide on complaints against MGM-Diorva

A three-man appeals committee of the Coastal Resources Management will convene today to decide on the complaint filed by a resident questioning the operation of MGM/Diorva in the Dandan area because of its alleged negative impact on the environment. More than a year ago, Joseph T. Torres filed a complaint against MGM/Diorva claiming that the garment factory failed to notify nearby residents that it will be operating in the Dandan area.

Bring the jury outside the court

Can't fit in the elevator? Can't be driven up to the second-floor courtroom? Then, put up a makeshift court outside the judicial building so that the jury can view the truck, which the prosecutor insists is a valuable evidence in a multiple crime case. Just when Superior Court Judge Timothy Bellas thought he had put an end to the tug-of-war over the truck, the prosecutor and the defense simply won't give in to each other's arguments.

Teno welcomes interim financing for CIP

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio welcomed yesterday a plan by the Commonwealth Development Authority to borrow up to $30 million from Bank of Guam to finance capital improvement projects in light of his administration's efforts to spur the local economy. He said the loan is part of the island's commitment to tap federal construction grants under the Covenant 702 funding that have been unused for the past few years due to CNMI's inability to meet the matching requirement.

October 20, 2000

CNMI bans deported aliens from reentry

Nonresident workers deported by the government for violation of its immigration laws are now barred forever from returning into the CNMI. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio signed yesterday Public Law 12-25 amending existing laws to permanently ban a deported alien from reentry. Lawmakers believed the ban is in the best interest of law-abiding citizens of the islands.

Gov't reports all-time low in hotel occupancy tax collection

A strong manifestation that the islands' tourism industry is at its lowest point, the CNMI government has reported a record-low in the amount of revenues collected from hotel occupancy taxes since 1996. Government records disclosed hotel occupancy taxes averaged $2.8 million in the first half of the financial year 2000, which translates into about six percent fall from the year ago's semestral average of $3 million.

NMHC gets $3.8-M for housing loan program

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday approved infusion of additional $3.8 million into a loan program administered by the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation to help low and middle-income families secure financing to build their homes. The funds came from the $10 million loan package extended by the Marianas Public Land Trust in 1995 to the government housing agency for its various programs.

October 20, 2002

USPS: Port lockout trapped some mail

Letters and packages that were trapped at the West Coast port during the lockout week are expected to be delivered to CNMI recipients in the next two months, according to the United States Postal Service on Saipan. However, mail backlogs only include letters and packages that were sent through the standard or ground delivery system. USPS-CNMI Postmaster John William San Nicolas, in an interview Friday, explained that the traffic of letters and other items that were sent through the special delivery system, which is offered on premium rates, was not disrupted by the weeklong work stoppage at West Coast ports.

5th Youth Congress senators: All set to serve

All set and eager to get down to business, elected members of the 5th Youth Congress set off into their first organizational session yesterday during an inauguration ceremony bedecked with pomp and style. In the presence of no less than the Commonwealth's top leaders, led by Gov. Juan N. Babauta, 23 new youth senators vowed to serve their youth constituents by addressing the most pressing issues besetting their generation today.

Pacific

PACIFIC BRIEFS

PNG businesses angered by power outages

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Radio New Zealand International)—Businesses operators in Alotau, the main town in Papua New Guinea's Milne Bay province are growing increasingly angry at power cuts caused by PNG Power. The state-owned power provider has reportedly been struggling to meet its commitments to its fuel supplier. The president of the Alotau Chamber of Commerce, Jeff Abel, says many businesses and offices have been forced to stop services. He says a number can fall back on emergency generators but this not a long term solution. "If it gets any worse, put it this way, some of the main shopping centres are heavily dependent on town supply power and they are running their gen sets [generators] and they are only stand by gen sets - if PNG Power cannot supply the power and the gen set breaks down then the freezers can't run. I have had people express concern about that, the managers of the shops." Mr Abel says there has been a surge in crime since the power outages begin.

Solomons prime minister to sue newspaper

HONIARA, Solomon Islands (Solomon Star)—Prime Minister Dr. Derek Sikua on Tuesday confirmed he had given instructions to his lawyer to sue the Island Sun newspaper. This was over an article the paper published last week, which claimed Dr. Sikua got drunk and misbehaved while attending the recent United Nations meeting in New York. His Secretary, Jerry Manele, earlier announced he's suing the paper for the same matter. Meanwhile, Sikua said he's been advised by Australian High Commissioner Peter Hooton that he had not offended his Australian counterpart, Kevin Rudd at the UN meeting. He said he received the advice in the form of a letter from Mr. Hooton. This followed the Island Sun report, which suggested Sikua caused a diplomatic embarrassment when he failed to turn up for Mr. Rudd's UN General Assembly address. "Mr. Hooton says no offence was taken and no damage done to a very close and cooperative bilateral relationship between Solomon Islands and Australia," Sikua said. "Mr. Hooton says: 'I can assure you this was not the case. I understand the Australian delegation had been advised you would not be present.'" Sikua said he accepted the advice, adding it has nullified a call for a formal national apology to Canberra by Opposition leader Manasseh Sogavare.

Universal Pictures to film on Bora Bora

PAPEETE, Tahiti (Tahitipresse)—Filming is due to begin in late October on Bora Bora and in Los Angeles on a Universal Pictures movie "Couples Retreat" that will star Vince Vaughn, Jon Favreau, Jason Bateman and Faizon Love.

The government of French Polynesia President Gaston Tong Sang and the GIE Tahiti Tourisme have been working in close collaboration for the past several months with Universal Pictures. That work began with on-sight inspection for pre-production work and is expected to continue through the shooting of the film, which is due to run from the end of October to mid-November on Bora Bora in the Leeward Islands.

The movie will be shot at the 100-villa St. Regis Resort Bora Bora, which opened in June 2006. The government and Tahiti Tourisme are hoping that the movie will not only help promote Bora Bora and the St. Regis but the rest of the Tahiti and Her Islands destination as well.

The movie, which critics are already billing as next year's "comedy of the year", will be about four couples that go to a tropical island resort. While one couple is there to work on their marriage, the other three couples are there to play, but soon discover that participation in the resort's couples therapy is not optional.

Vaughn will produce the film with Scott Stuber in a co-production between his Wild West Picture Show Prods. and Stuber Prods.

The Hollywood media is already anticipating a film of wife-swapping, boorishness and hilarity, hoping that Vaughn is in the troubled relationship and that Bateman is the therapist.

Vaughn and Favreau are described as a modern Bob Hope and Bing Crosby with collaborations that have already produced "Swingers", "Made" and "The Break-Up".

The last time Hollywood went to Bora Bora a hotel was built to house the cast and crew for the 1979 Dino De Laurentiis-produced movie, "Hurricane". Then New York Times film critic Vincent Canby described the film as "wet and windy" despite a screenplay by Lorenzo Semple Jr., the efforts of Swedish director Jan Troell and the acting talents of Jason Robards, Mia Farrow, Max Von Sydow, Trevor Howard and Timothy Bottoms.

Hawaii's tourism industry rejoices over S. Korea visa waiver

HONOLULU (AP)—Hawaii tourism officials rejoiced upon hearing President George W. Bush decided to lift visa requirements for South Korean tourists.

Friday's decision means South Koreans—like Japanese, Britons and citizens of other prosperous U.S. allies—will no longer have to go through the hassle of obtaining visas before they travel to the U.S. for short-term visits.

"This is a good day," said Marsha Wienert, the state's tourism liaison, adding Gov. Linda Lingle was "ecstatic."

Wienert expects the number of tourists from South Korea to double to 80,000 next year and double again to 160,000 in 2010.

This is welcome news for the industry during a year marked by the back-to-back collapse of ATA and Aloha airlines and a subsequent plunge in visitor arrivals. The global financial crisis and economic slowdown have also weighed on the industry.

"In a time where we want for favorable news, this is an outstanding development," said Kelvin Bloom, the Hawaii Tourism Authority chair and the president of ResortQuest Hawaii.

Officials have long been preparing for the visa waiver.

The Hawaii Tourism Authority has boosted its marketing efforts in South Korea, particularly in the past two years, said David Uchiyama, vice president of tourism marketing for the HTA.

The authority has already set up a Korean language Web site through Hawaii Tourism Korea, a vitally important information outlet in heavily wired South Korea.

Uchiyama estimates the waiver will start to take effect around January. In the months ahead, HTA will coordinate airfare and hotel package deals and keep South Korean travel agents informed about all Hawaii has to offer.

Some companies have been preparing on their own.

Bloom said ResortQuest Hawaii recently opened a sales office in South Korea in anticipation of the visa waiver.

Oahu is likely to benefit the most from the rule change, at least in the first few years, Wienert said.

But she expects more South Korean visitors to visit the Neighbor Islands they become more accustomed to Hawaii.

Of the 40,000 who visited last year, the vast majority came to Oahu. About a third also made short side trips to Maui.

7.1 quake rocks Tongan capital, no immediate reports of damage or injuries

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga (AP)—A magnitude 7.1 earthquake has rocked southern Tonga but there are no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The powerful temblor triggered no tsunami alert from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii.

The quake, which occurred shortly after 5 a.m. local time Sunday (1700 GMT Saturday) has been widely felt in the archipelago's southern islands and it rocked the capital, Nuku'alofa, for up to two minutes.

It was centered 94 miles (152 kilometers) southeast of the capital at a depth of 206 miles (33 kilometers) in the South Pacific ocean.

Local residents say unlike previous major quakes it did not knock items off shelves in homes or local shops.

Tonga is near the end of the Pacific "Ring of Fire"—a line of volcanoes and earthquake fault lines stretching from Chile in South America up through Alaska to Japan and down the western Pacific to New Zealand and Tonga.

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Ham-handed searches

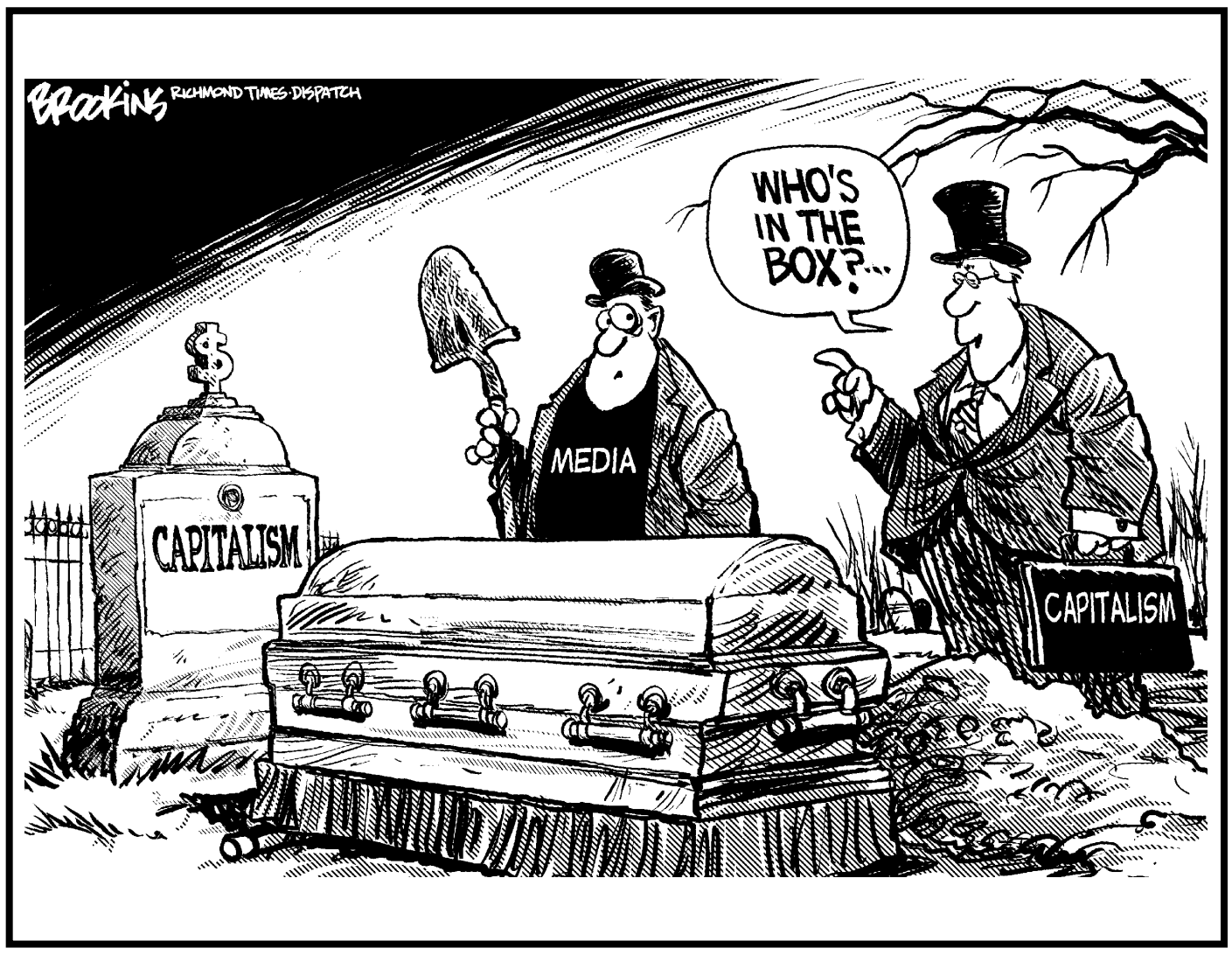
The overzealous pat-downs conducted by Drug Enforcement Agents on a group of Chinese tourists at the Saipan International Airport on Oct. 4 was unfortunate in that it has created yet another international embarrassment for the CNMI, at a time when we are trying to carve a niche on this rapidly growing travel market.

True, the DEA is mandated to stop the influx of illegal drugs into the CNMI and the rising scourge of drug addiction in the community places more pressure on law enforcers to plug all the holes through which all these illegal drugs are coming through. However, we are an island community; we don't exactly have porous borders and there are very specific points through which any contraband may enter the local market. Previous Department of Justice reports have shown that most drugs enter the CNMI through cargo or the mail system. Shouldn't the DEA put more effort into screening these? Packages and cargo don't complain, so an intensive surveillance system on all packages entering the Commonwealth will hardly create the same bad publicity that we are now experiencing as a fallout from this ham-handed effort by the DEA.

The fact that they were screening tourists should have given them enough reason to handle the matter even more delicately. The agency certainly has the statutory authority to corral more than a hundred tourists and do intensive searches on them but just because it can legally do that does not make it conscionable. There is always no excuse for being boorish. DEA agents are supposed to undergo training on analyzing behavior; they're supposed to know the telltale signs of a person who is trying to hide something. However, the incident at the Saipan airport, fairly or not, smacked of racial profiling rather than an intelligent application of psychology and behavioral analysis.

The local House of Representatives has already issued a strongly worded resolution demanding that the Justice Department conduct an investigation into this incident and the local visitors bureau has already apologized to the Chinese government for the humiliating searches its citizens were subjected to (which, by the way, only turned up plant and food produce and cigarettes above the allowable limit). The harm, however, has already been done. Short of going back to all these tourists, apologizing to each and every one of them, and bringing them back to the islands for a free vacation, the only thing now that could conceivably be done is to ensure that this fiasco doesn't happen again. There has to be a better way to do these things. In fact, there already is: it's called random searches. And just because one is doing this does not automatically mean one may dispense of basic courtesy and decent behavior.

The DEA, whether it likes it or not, must strike a balance between making sure that illegal drugs don't enter the community and ensuring that tourists are accorded the utmost courtesy and welcome that is their right as paying visitors to the Northern Mariana Islands. Doing otherwise would unnecessarily jeopardize the only good thing going for the CNMI right now and, with the economy the way it is, we can't afford to be boors. ***(Saipan Tribune)***



Look closer to find the answers

ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Allow me to recite several short stories that hopefully will help us to see some of our problems clearer. At times we are too close to a problem and as a result fail to see the obvious answers before our eyes. In my articles, my objective is to get you to think and examine our situations and draw your own conclusions. We need to question and think about the things that are happening in our islands. And your concerns about them will surely lead you to the solutions. Don't blindly accept what someone else is throwing at us. Question it! Demand sound answers with solid action.

Take for instance the following story which most of us may already know. Consider how this person solved what appeared an insoluble problem.

In 333B.C., as Alexander the Great was leading his armies across Asia, he reached the city of Gordium in Phyria. There he was shown the chariot of the ancient founder of the city. Its pole was lashed to the yoke by means of an intricate knot. According to tradition, this knot was to be untied only by the future conqueror of Asia. Many brave men had tried, and all had failed.

Legend has it that Alexander looked at the knot, drew his sword and sliced through the knot with a single blow. Thus he solved the problem with a single bold stroke. And as was predicated shortly afterwards, under his rule, Asia was united for the first time. He could have acted as others did and failed. But he took a risk and that made all the difference in his entire career.

Alexander actually had two ways to untie the knot. One was do what he did—simply take his sword and cut it. Or he could have used a second method. Had he looked carefully at the knot, he would have noticed that the ends of the rope were secretly twisted round and folded up within it. It would have been easy for Alexander to undo it. All he had to do was pull the pin out of the pole to which the yoke was tied and afterwards draw off the yoke itself from below. But he performed a bold act and that made all the difference.

The moral of this story? Sometimes it's better not to get too involved in a problem. Stand back and decide on a course of action and take it. Take a risk. Make a bold solution! Stop whining and talking. Simply DO IT!

Oh, how I wish certain government agencies would understand this simple truth.

Secondly, by studying the problem we will find more than one good solution. But if we keep thinking with our heads twisted backward, we can only see where we came from and not the road ahead of us. Hopefully we will turn our heads around soon and see the bright shining road ahead of us. I see it. Don't you? Here is another story.

Once there was a man who lived by the side of the road. He sold hot dogs. He had no radio. Because he had trouble with his eyes, he never read the newspaper or watched television. But he sold his hot dogs. He put up a sign on the highway, telling how good they were. He stood by the side of the road and cried: "Buy a hot dog, mister." And the people bought. He increased his meat and bun orders. Soon he built a bigger stand to take care of his trade.

He brought his son home from college to help him. But then something happened. His son said: "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio or reading the newspaper or watching television? Business is terrible and the domestic situation is even worse."

With that his father thought: "Well, my son has been to college. He listens to the radio, reads the newspapers and watches television, so he ought to know."

So, the father cut down on his bun order, took down his advertising signs, and no longer bothered to stand on the highway to sell hot dogs.

His hot dog sales fell almost overnight.

Does this situation sound familiar in our islands? Do we react in a similar manner when we hear bad news? How about this one?

Once there was a woman who had identical twins about six years old. They were very healthy but with striking different personalities. One boy was very moody and pessimistic in his outlook on everything. Whenever his mother bought him toys, he was afraid that they would break and cut his finger so he didn't want to play with them. However the brother was always cheerful and optimistic in his outlook on everything. He could find joy in the simplest toy or anything his mother gave him.

The mother was quite concerned about the two boys' personality differences. So one day she took them to a child psychologist. The psychologist placed each one in a separate room to conduct a little experiment.

After a few minutes, he opened the door of the first boy's room, which was always pessimistic, and found him sitting crying in the middle of the room surrounded by some of the latest and most exciting toys. In all this potential fun and games, the little boy found no happiness.

Moving to the brother's room, the doctor found the little boy with a shovel in his hands furiously digging under a heap of horse manure. Turning to the doctor, the little boy squealed: "Under all this manure, there must be a Shetland pony and I'm going to find him." What's the moral of this short story? You figure it out.

See LOOK on Page 11

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Tradision natibu

Na magof `nai tafanague famaguon respeto kontra siha na maisa. Ginen este na tradision natibu, man-motmut lokue respeto gi prohimun niha. Mafañago sumen likido na pas yan mange na relasion gi entalo todos gi maseha mano na komunidat guine siha na islas.

Gi mismo tiempo, komprendiyon i rimulinon hafa i modetno na Marianas ha demamanda ginen kada uno giya hita. Ti mapot ta sodae` este ineppe gi diario na chubaskon linala`ta. Ñgaha` hulo gi lañget ya un` fangagao bendision, pinasensia, kinemprende yan minesñgon gi kareramo.

Afañielos, `nai hu lie` fuetsan tinayuyot gi oran didog na chinatsagagho, matulaika todo mañahu yan kinemprendeghu pot linala`. Deste ayo na tiempo (1987) hu tatiye fiet yan satton i diario na nobenan Patronhu as St. Jude sa ayo solu na tinayuyot `nai hu sosoda` pas, trankilida yan ginefsagaghu.

Hu yute gi halom tasen linala`hu i añklan espirityuat pot para baihu siña mamokat gi tinas yan fitme na plaset pareho ha` gi halom katma, dilibiu, pagyo yan linao. Fitme hu añkla i linala`hu espirituat ya diariamente hu gagagao i Saina ayuduña yan bendisioña diariamente gi kinahulo yan minachom atdao.

Este na añklan espirituat fitme giniot hao gi maseha hafa na mattiro un` fana` gi ha`animu. Makat gi tutuhon lao na fitme yan mesñgon hao gi katkuet manera. Los uttimos, siempre gi hilo hinimidde un` fanayuyot maseha mano `nai gaige hao. Fa` kustumbre lokue i para un` tayuyute i esta manma`agañg para i taihinekog na deskanson niha. Este un` dikiki na checho kilisyano lao motmut premiuña gi birada.

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Hu suhahaye lokue taotao ni mampos a`gang piot ayo i hafa` ha tutuñgo` i ti ha tuñgo`. Repara lokue i taotoa ni antao yan gai sinahguan kalaberan iluña sa` mayotmente silensio gi un` banda. Ti u bulantario hafa tiniñgoña solu ke mafaisengue`. Esta mange makombetsasiuni sa` menhalom yan sustansiao `an umadiñgan. ***

Guaha lokue hu soda hafa ha tutuñgo asunton linahyan siha ni ti ha tuñgo. Buente ñalañg rekognisasion, onru yan dignu na respeto. Era guiya i prohimu as Gregorio Cruz, komandanten `nos kuantos membron i Taotao Tano.

Gi tutuhon, listoyu umakanteha este na inetnon pot para bai` fan ayuda. Lao dispues `nai hu lie` na todo kinalamteña si Goru mampos abarambao, sumeha-yu` sa` taya` bisneshu sumaonao gi grupon impitu, gueko `sino na`tata. Na` mamahlao i para un` atrebi hao gi ti fafayimu ya guiya este i metgot na heñon inetnon Taotao Tano. Mas na`mamahlao `nai klaro na ti fitme gi dos adeñgña gi dicho asunton

By JOHN DELROSARIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

DelRosario is the secretary of the Department of Public Lands.

linahyan siha `nai tineteka direchon natibu maprotehe esta`i uttimo suspiros. De dios, amigo!

Lao para todo i aminasu, trabiha gaige ha gi korasonhu i para bai` asi`i` i ignorante na prohimuhu. Eyag hafa sustansiaña i fino` i Saina `nai para umapuno acho` un` palaoan: I tai mancha finenina u fan dagao. Egaga` yan un` eyag checho antao na taotao sa` hagas entero sibilasion taotao gi todo elmundo hagas ma-upos i tiempon antigu.

Trabiha tutuhon ha` este señor sa lamegai para bai` na`yan hao gi dispues!

Make corporate tax returns public

Policy responses to our financial-sector meltdown have largely been viewed as patches that do little to address the underlying issues, and they have to some extent generated, rather than reduced, fear and instability. It is tempting to think the answer lies in a return to balanced regulation, but any new regulatory scheme would take, at best, years to put in place and demonstrate its effectiveness. We simply don't have that kind of time. But significantly increasing business transparency could immediately improve the way private-sector entities calibrate risk and deal with each other. A proper starting point is to make corporate tax returns available to the public, not just to the IRS.

Five years ago, the U.S. tax administration system was poised to spin out of control. A decline in enforcement by the Internal Revenue Service converged with the erosion of professional standards on the part of many tax practitioners, producing the scourge of abusive tax shelters. In 2003, the IRS reversed course. With the aid of the Justice Department and bipartisan support from many in Congress, but without significantly greater resources, the IRS rebuilt its traditional enforcement programs, developed and employed new tools, and went after taxpayers who crossed the line as well as after rotten practitioners. We strove to be firm but fair. Broadly speaking, the results were favorable. Many of the worst abuses were curtailed.

Of course, greater compliance and enforcement programs get you only so far. Any government regulators will be hard-pressed to fulfill their responsibilities, given the pace and complexity of financial transactions, the numerous tear lines between national legal and tax systems, and the resources at the disposal of large corporations. Dramatic growth in the regulatory structure would not only be costly but beyond a certain point would be so intrusive as to harm the financial system. More regulation is needed, but it might create an exaggerated sense of safety and will not deliver if changes are not made in the way corporations assess risk and deal with each other.

Federal tax returns include important information about corporations beyond that available in financial statements. Making corporate returns available for public inspection would provide a powerful tool to analysts who follow companies and industries, and it would help others better evaluate counterparties and risk. It would assist other federal and state regulators, who currently are prohibited from reviewing the details of federal returns. (The IRS itself is precluded from sharing returns with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Justice Department except in narrow circumstances.) Large corporations file their federal tax returns electronically, so the data can easily be shared. Information returns filed by not-for-profits are already available online.

Currently, Congress bestows benefits through tax provisions (earmarks on steroids) but has limited knowledge of their impact on companies and industries. If corporate returns became public, many additional nongovernmental players could analyze outcomes and quickly report back to lawmakers, speeding and heightening their understanding of legislation's effects.

Advocates of the current system argue that corporations, like individuals, have a right to privacy, that complex information on their returns is likely to be misunderstood, and that making federal

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returns public would place the United States at a disadvantage in the global marketplace.

But corporations need not automatically enjoy the same rights as individuals. Their owners are shielded from liability, which is implicitly shifted to others, as recent events demonstrate. And the notion that corporate tax returns are too complex to be made public simply isn't credible. A trillion dollars later, Wall Street's "trust us, we understand this and you don't need to" approach doesn't pass the laugh test. Yes, complexity obscures understanding. But greater transparency and the analysis it fosters will help mitigate this problem. And the attitude of foreign investors toward the United States is critical. The governments of other developed nations face the same frustration as we do in regulating businesses about which they understand little. If the United States makes its corporate tax returns public, other nations are likely to follow suit.

Making corporate tax returns public would signal that we are serious about reform and would help rebuild worldwide confidence in American businesses and financial institutions. It would demonstrate that we're not simply trying to buy our way out of a crisis and return to a discredited status quo. At a minimum, Congress should not allow businesses to participate in taxpayer-funded bailouts unless we taxpayers can assess who we're signing up with. After all, Americans routinely provide copies of their federal tax returns to financial institutions before they give us money. Shouldn't entities looking for taxpayers' help do the same?

Letters to the Editor

Condolence to Manglona family

My condolence to the family of Sgt Julian Manglona I am currently serving here in Afghanistan and I had been made aware by a friend of the tragic lost of your son Julian. It really touches my heart and his passing have impacted our island and many people out there who knows him well. I had many great memories with him both as a soldier and a former police officer. We had shared lots of laughter during our first deployment in Iraq and especially during our dive rescue training on Saipan. I couldn't believe that he died tragically which I had know him to be in great physical shape and spirit.

I guess his time is up that even if were in best physical shape and we don't want to leave our best friends and richness in this world. We must go! So in closing I want to express my sympathy and condolence to uncle Ben, aunt Rit, and the family.

Cousin Pat be strong brother and Go For Broke.

SSG Edward Barcinas
Kabul, Afghanistan

Welcome to the CNMI

The Friends of the Monument would like to welcome James Connaughton, Tim Keeney, Lyle Laverty, Sean Morton, and the other officials from the Department of Commerce, Department of Interior, White House Council on Environmental Quality, and Department of Defense to the beautiful islands of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

We look forward to sharing the signatures from members of our community and the many letters from businesses, organizations, coalitions, students, citizens, and longtime residents who support the proposed Marianas Trench Marine National Monument.

Agnes McPhetres
Friends of the Monument vice chairman

Thanks to the Humanities Council

I would like to thank the Northern Mariana Islands Humanities Council for bringing professor Jon Van Dyke, J.D., to present last Saturday night at the American Memorial Park.His talk explored a number of legal and practical issues relating to marine monuments; it was very informative. He confirmed what the Friends of the Monument have been saying all along.

He is also doing a similar presentation on Rota and Tinian early this week. We encourage people to be informed and listen to his talk.

Thanks, again, for helping the people of the CNMI to understand what marine monuments are all about.

Ken Kramer
Gualo Rai

LOOK

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How about this one for quick thinking? Mr. Smith was brought to Mercy Hospital (a Catholic hospital) and taken quickly in for coronary surgery. The operation went well and, as the groggy man regained consciousness, he was reassured by a sister of Mercy, who was waiting by his bed.

"Mr. Smith, you're going to be just fine," said the nun. "We need to know, however, how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?"

"No, I'm not," answered the man hoarsely.

"Then can you pay in cash?" persisted the nun.

"I'm afraid I cannot, sister."

"Well, do you have any close relatives?"

"Just my sister in New Mexico. But she's a humble spinster nun."

"Oh, I must correct you. Nuns are not spinsters. They are married to God."

"Wonderful," said Mr. Smith. "In that case, please send the bill to my brother-in-law!"

Life is beautiful despite the economic climate. Have a great day and give everyone a firm handshake and a warm smile today.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

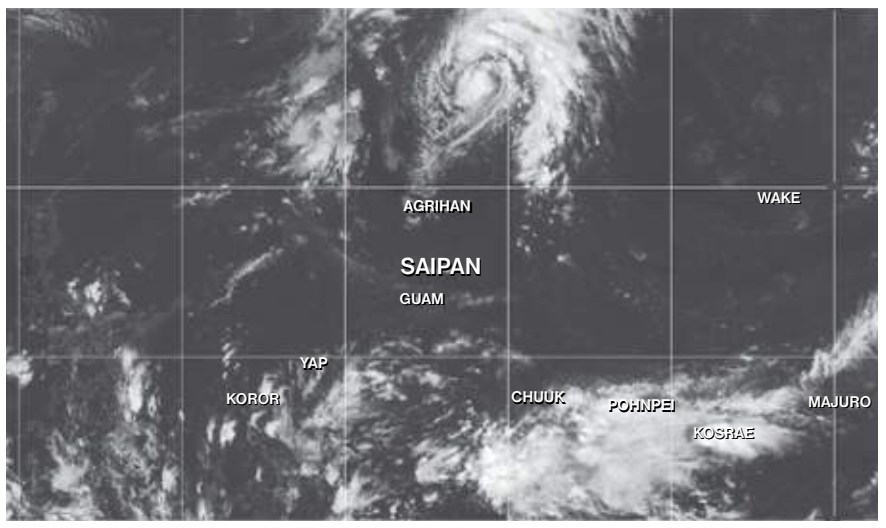
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲84	▼76
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼78
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼75
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲64	▼53
Beijing	Sunny	▲64	▼50
Hong Kong	Partly Sunny	▲86	▼73
Honolulu	Partly Sunny	▲82	▼73
London	Showers	▲64	▼50
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲74	▼58
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Melbourne	Sunny	▲62	▼43
Miami	Cloudy	▲85	▼75
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼48
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲74	▼54
Paris	Partly Sunny	▲62	▼51
Pusan	Sunny	▲76	▼57
Rome	Partly Sunny	▲71	▼54
Salem	Cloudy	▲59	▼42
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼52
Seoul	Sunny	▲73	▼52
Tokyo	Partly Sunny	▲68	▼55
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼49

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical storm 23W is centered near 25N148E and moving north-northwest at 16 mph with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within 75 miles of the center. Convergence to the east and southeast of the system is enhancing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms well northeast of the Mariana Islands within 75 miles of a line extending northward from 20N152E to 25N152E. For more detailed information, see JTWC bulletins issued under WMO header WTPN21 PGTW. A weak circulation centered near 22N138E is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 21N and 24N from 136E to 140E. Trade wind convergence is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Koror and over Yap between the equator and 10N from 136E to 143E. A trade-wind surge pushing through eastern Micronesia is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae within an area bounded by a line from 7N152E to 5N145E to 3N145E to EQ152E to 7N169E back to 7N152E. A low-pressure system centered near 23N176E is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 22N and 25N from 175E to 178E and east of line stretching northward from 5N178E to 18N178E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

5:34AM Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
1:16PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
6:19PM Today	Low Tide:	1.4 Feet
10:33PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:10AM	5:54 PM
Tuesday	6:10AM	5:53 PM
Wednesday	6:10AM	5:53 PM
Thursday	6:10AM	5:52 PM
Friday	6:11AM	5:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:58PM	11:28AM
Tuesday		12:24PM
Wednesday	12:00AM	1:14PM
Thursday	12:59AM	1:58PM
Friday	1:54AM	2:38PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008

DEPARTURES

Saipan-Rota

CO9597	11:50am	12:25pm	1,7

Saipan-Guam

CO9317	4:00am	4:50am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	Daily
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Narita

NW 099	5:00am	7:30am	Daily
NW 078	8:55am	2:00pm	Daily
NW 075	4:55pm	7:25pm	Daily

Saipan-Osaka

NW 083	4:20pm	6:55pm	Daily

Saipan-Nagoya

NW 078	8:55am	11:35am	Daily

Saipan-Seoul

OZ 604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ 604	2:50am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2,4,6,7

Saipan-Busan

OZ 608	3:50am	7:20am	1,5

Saipan-Shanghai

FM 844	3:15am	5:55am	2,6

Rota-Guam

CO 9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1,7

Guam-Manila

CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	3,5 via Koror
CO 933	7:00pm	8:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:45am	1,2,4,6,7

ARRIVALS

Rota-Saipan

CO 9598	3:25am	4:00am	5,6

Guam-Saipan

CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	Daily
CO9598	2:30am	4:00am	5,6 via Rota
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	Daily
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

Narita-Saipan

NW 076	10:15am	2:50pm	Daily
NW 077	6:25pm	1:30am+1	Daily
NW 100	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily

Osaka-Saipan

NW 084	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

Nagoya-Saipan

NW 077	9:00pm	1:30am+1	Daily

Seoul-Saipan

OZ 605	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ 603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6

Busan-Saipan

OZ 607	9:30pm	2:50am+1	4,7

Shanghai-Saipan

FM 843	7:50pm	2:15am+1	1,5

Guam-Rota

CO 9598	2:30am	3:00am	5,6

Manila-Guam

CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	3,5 via Koror
CO 934	10:55pm	4:30am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:20pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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MARIANA TRENCH monument

❊ **Understanding** that the quality of the world's oceans are deteriorating, and that its marine life in all forms are also under stress; and

❊ **Observing** that designation of marine sanctuaries does restore fisheries and marine life to an earlier plentitude; and

❊ **Welcoming** the opportunity to support the Micronesia Challenge to contribute towards support of the restoration of the world's seas and underwater ecosystems; and

❊ **Recognizing** that the CNMI's economy is failing and its people suffering; and

❊ **Believing** that an increase in visitors to the CNMI would significantly refuel the economy; and

❊ **Being aware** that declaration of a Mariana Trench Marine Monument would bring such an increase of visitors, scientists, explorers, tourists and the media to the CNMI; and further

❊ **Keeping** in mind the historical and cultural significance of all the islands in the Marianas archipelago; and

❊ **Wishing** to assure their preservation and protection,

❊ **We the undersigned, do hereby petition the President of the United States**, George W. Bush, to designate the waters surrounding the Mariana's Islands of Maug, Uracus and Asuncion, as a national monument, to be regulated and administered jointly and cooperatively by the people of the CNMI and the relevant agencies of the federal government.

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W.O.W. OCTOBER 20-24, 2008 WEAR ORANGE WEEK

Business

Bush to host world leaders at first economic summit

CAMP DAVID, Md. (AP)—President Bush, looking for answers to an global economic emergency with just three months left in office, will host an international summit to discuss ways to fix the world financial system but warned on Saturday against reforms that threaten capitalism.

Bush

"We will work to strengthen and modernize our nations' financial systems so we can help ensure that this crisis doesn't happen again," Bush said at the Camp David presidential retreat.

Bush, meeting with French President Nicolas Sarkozy and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, did not announce a date or site for the summit. But Sarkozy suggested it be held in the shadow of Wall Street before the end of November.

"Insofar as the crisis began in New York, then the global solution must be found to this crisis in New York," Sarkozy said.

In a joint statement issued after their slightly more than 2 1/2-hour visit, the three leaders said they would contact other nations next week about having a summit in the United States soon after the presidential election, then a series of subsequent summits to address the challenges facing the global economy.

The first summit would focus on progress being made to address the current crisis and "seek agreement on principles of reform needed to avoid a repetition of the problems and assure global prosperity in the future." Later summits, they said, would be designed to implement agreement on specific steps to be taken to meet those principles.

Bush has backed the steps European nations have taken to fix the financial markets and is willing to listen to a range of ideas from both developed and developing nations, but he hasn't signed on to the more ambitious, broad-stroke reforms that some European leaders have in mind to avoid a repeat of the market crisis that rippled around the globe.

Some investors grow leery of stocks in grim market

CHICAGO (AP)—Judy Katz reached her breaking point with stocks when the Dow collapsed at the start of this month, free-falling as much as 2,400 points and taking a big chunk of her life's savings with it before she hastily cashed out all of her funds.

Even though she's $200,000 poorer and the market's up 5 percent since she sold, the 65-year-old New Yorker says she's happy to be off the daily rollercoaster - and sure she'll never quite feel comfortable in stocks again.

"I don't know what to do," said Katz, who runs a ghostwriting business, after parking her personal nest egg of nearly $1 million temporarily in her checking account this month. "You can't really put the money under the mattress or somewhere where it will get 2 percent."

Stock prices are back to levels of more than a decade ago, 401(k)s have taken huge hits and investors have seen years of savings demolished seemingly overnight. Individual investors have pulled money out of stock mutual funds at a record rate this month - $55.6 billion as of Wednesday, according to TrimTabs Investment Research - amid the 40 percent drop in the Standard & Poor's 500 index since last October.

It's enough to make investors question the soundness of investing in stocks, at least for now, and raises the question of whether older investors in particular could possibly abandon the market for good as many did in the 1930s.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Monetary fund chief investigated over relationship

WASHINGTON (AP)—The International Monetary Fund, a key institution in the global financial crisis, has hired a law firm to investigate whether its chief had an improper relationship with a female employee. Allegations regarding IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn's relationship with the employee were first brought to the attention of the dean of the fund's executive board, A. Shakour Shaalan, this summer, said William Murray, a monetary fund spokesman. The fund has hired the law firm Morgan, Lewis, & Bockius to conduct the investigation, Murray said. The firm is expected to report to the IMF executive board on the findings of the investigation by the end of this month, he said. The investigation was first reported Saturday by The Wall Street Journal, which identified the woman involved as Piroska Nagy, now with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London. A spokesman at the EBRD in London said he was unaware of the inquiry.

Report: NBC Universal plans $500 million in cuts

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A trade paper reports that NBC Universal plans to cut $500 million in spending next year to prepare for an expected continuation of the worldwide economic slowdown. Variety says President and CEO Jeff Zucker announced the cuts Friday in a staff memo. The reduction would equal 3 percent of the company's budget. Variety says division heads will decide how to reduce their spending. But Zucker's memo suggested several ways, including staffing reductions and cutbacks in budgets for travel, entertainment and promotions. Variety says the memo didn't specifically mention any layoff plans. It's unclear how many staffers might be affected by the spending drop. An NBC Universal spokesman didn't return a call seeking comment Saturday.

Worries grow as GM-Chrysler talks gain momentum

DETROIT (AP)—In the doomsday scenario raising anxiety around the Motor City, General Motors Corp. makes a deal for Chrysler LLC, keeps Jeep and the minivans, and vaporizes the rest of the company. Tens of thousands of Chrysler's 66,409 employees lose their jobs as cash-desperate GM swiftly cuts redundant operations and sheds unprofitable models. Factories and dealerships are closed, and the lights go out at Chrysler's gleaming corporate headquarters campus in the northern suburb of Auburn Hills. It's not something Andre Thibodeaux wants to think about. The general manager of Lelli's, an upscale steakhouse and Italian restaurant near Chrysler's 15-story tower, gets about half his lunch business from the automaker and related businesses. The eatery, with roots in downtown Detroit and family owned for three generations, already has lost business as Chrysler and parts suppliers have downsized and people eat out less due to economic worries. The loss of Chrysler's corporate headquarters is almost unthinkable.

Nation

In swing states, McCain, Obama spar over taxes

AMERICA VOTES

ST. LOUIS (AP)—In an outbreak of class warfare, John McCain and Barack Obama swapped sharply worded charges over tax cuts on Saturday, each accusing the other of shortchanging middle-income Americans at a time of economic hardship for millions.

AP
Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., center, greets supporters after speaking at a rally in St. Louis, Mo., Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008.

McCain, trailing in the polls, fired the first volley, likening his rival to the socialist leaders of Europe and saying he wanted to "convert the IRS into a giant welfare agency, redistributing massive amounts of wealth at the direction of politicians in Washington."

McCain added, "Raising taxes on some in order to give checks to others is not a tax cut; it's just another government giveaway."

Obama responded a few hours later in an appearance before an enormous crowd on the banks of the Mississippi River, saying his Republican rival "wants to cut taxes for the same people who have already been making out like bandits, in some cases literally."

"John McCain is so out of touch with the struggles you are facing that he must be the first politician in history to call a tax cut for working people 'welfare,'" Obama said.

The exchange unfolded 17 days before an election that is trending Obama's way as he bids to become the nation's first black president.

McCain has become increasingly aggressive in debates, personal appearances and—in the past few days—automated phone calls as the polls showed him falling behind nationally as well as in several battleground states. Obama attacks his rival heartily, yet his rhetoric is backed by a late-campaign television advertising blitz that McCain has so far proven unable to match.

The candidates' itineraries underscored McCain's dilemma.

Obama spent the day in Missouri, a bellwether state that voted for President Bush in 2004.

Archbishop criticizes Obama, Catholic allies

DENVER (AP)—Denver Roman Catholic Archbishop Charles Chaput labeled Barack Obama the "most committed" abortion-rights candidate from a major party in 35 years while accusing a Catholic Obama ally and other Democratic-friendly Catholic groups of doing a "disservice to the church."

Chaput, one of the nation's most politically outspoken Catholic prelates, delivered the remarks Friday night at a dinner of a Catholic women's group.

His comments were among the sharpest in a debate over abortion and Catholic political responsibility in a campaign in which Catholics represent a key swing vote.

While Chaput has won praise from traditionalist Catholics for stressing opposition to abortion as a foundational voting issue, voices on the Catholic left have sought to apply church teachings to war, poverty, the environment and other issues.

Although the Catholic left is not new, several advocacy groups have either formed or ramped up activities since 2004. Partly, their efforts are a response to attention given to the pro-abortion rights stance of Democrat John Kerry, a Catholic who was criticized by a few bishops who suggested he should be denied or refrain from Communion.

Chaput, without getting into much detail, called Obama the "most committed" abortion-rights major-party presidential candidate since the landmark Roe v. Wade decision on abortion in 1973.

"To suggest—as some Catholics do—that Senator Obama is this year's 'real' pro-life candidate requires a peculiar kind of self-hypnosis, or moral confusion, or worse," Chaput said according to his prepared remarks, titled "Little Murders."

ACROSS THE NATION

Police focusing on 3 in Las Vegas boy's abduction

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Authorities investigating the abduction of a 6-year-old boy from his Las Vegas home focused Saturday on three people, including a Mexican citizen and the youngster's grandfather, who they said may have stolen millions of dollars from drug dealers. The Mexican man, identified as Jesus Gastelum, is in his mid-30s and believed to be in Las Vegas or Southern California, police said at a news conference. The other "person of interest" was not identified. Authorities already had arrested the grandfather of Cole Puffinburger, who was abducted Wednesday morning by two men posing as police officers. Police said they believe that the men were Mexican drug dealers and that the kidnapping at gunpoint was a "message" to the grandfather, Clemens Tinnemeyer, 51.

Abortion ban returns to ballot in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP)—Two years after South Dakotans rejected a nearly total ban on abortion, voters on Nov. 4 will decide another sweeping but less restrictive ballot measure that would probably send a legal challenge of Roe v. Wade to the U.S. Supreme Court. The initiative would outlaw abortions but includes exceptions for rape, incest and pregnancies that threaten the life or health of the woman. Some voters said they wanted those exceptions when they rejected the tougher 2006 measure 56 percent to 44 percent. Opponents say the new measure would jeopardize the patient-doctor relationship because physicians could be criminally charged for exceeding its bounds. They also argue that its exceptions are too narrowly defined and that it would force some women to carry an unhealthy fetus.

World

Muqtada al-Sadr urges rejection of US-Iraqi pact

BAGHDAD (AP)—Anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr urged Iraq's parliament to reject a pact that would extend U.S. presence in Iraq for three years as tens of thousands of his followers marched through Baghdad's streets Saturday to reinforce that demand.

al-Sadr

The large turnout points to trouble ahead for the U.S.-Iraqi security deal as Sunni and Shiite lawmakers weigh the political risks associated with the far-reaching agreement.

Waving Iraqi flags and green Shiite banners, protesters chanted slogans condemning the pact. The demonstration in the mostly Shiite eastern part of Baghdad was staged under tight security, with soldiers and police manning checkpoints along the route.

"I am with every Sunni, Shiite or Christian who is opposed to the agreement ... and I reject, condemn and renounce the presence of occupying forces and bases on our beloved land," al-Sadr said in a message read to the crowd by a senior aide.

The pact, reached after months of bitter negotiations, governs the presence in Iraq of U.S. troops after their U.N. mandate expires Dec. 31. As copies of the draft became available this week, it sparked an intense public debate among top politicians.

A copy of the draft accord obtained by The Associated Press specifies U.S. troops must leave Iraqi cities by the end of June and be gone by 2012.

Recall of Chinese herbal injections widened

BEIJING (AP)—The manufacturer of an injectable herbal remedy blamed in three deaths in China's southwest has voluntarily widened its recall, the nation's drug monitoring agency said Saturday.

Wandashan Pharmaceutical Co. based in the northeastern province of Heilongjiang is now recalling all of its injectable products throughout the country, the State Food and Drug Administration said on its Web site.

Previously, only the sale of two batches of an injectable remedy containing the extract of an herb called ciwujia, a type of Siberian ginseng, had been suspended and sent to the SFDA for testing.

The action comes as China is trying to reassure consumers over a widespread tainted milk scandal, the latest to mar its already troubled product safety record.

The SFDA said local food and drug bureaus should monitor the injection recall and make sure the products are pulled off shelves. Any adverse reactions should be immediately reported, it said.

Telephones were not answered Saturday at Wandashan.

The SFDA blames bacteria contamination for causing the Oct. 6 deaths at the No. 4 People's Hospital in Honghe prefecture in Yunnan province.

Three other patients also suffered negative reactions from the injections, which have been used in patients suffering from thrombosis and heart disease.

WORLD BRIEFS

Hamas grip on Gaza hardens: peace outlook bleak

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Hamas' control of the Gaza Strip is now virtually complete. Since the summer, the Islamic militants have silenced and disarmed their remaining opponents, filled the bureaucracy with their supporters, and kept Gaza's economy afloat, even if just barely, despite a 16-month-old international embargo and border blockades by Israel and Egypt. With nothing in sight to weaken Hamas' grip, the political split between Gaza and the West Bank—the two territories meant to make up a future Palestinian state—looks increasingly irreversible. That conclusion was also reached by the International Crisis Group, an independent think tank, in a September report describing Hamas' ascendancy, and the split is one of the main obstacles to U.S. efforts to forge an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal. It weakens moderate President Mahmoud Abbas in the negotiations because he isn't seen as speaking for Gaza. Israel, Abbas and the international community don't want a deal that leaves out the 140-square mile Gaza Strip's and its 1.4 million Palestinians. And it's unlikely Israel would give up the West Bank as long as Hamas is in charge in Gaza.

Vatican still objects to Pius caption in Israel

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican denied assertions Saturday that a caption displayed at Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust museum alleging Pius XII didn't do enough to save Jews during World War II would keep Pope Benedict XVI from visiting Israel. But Vatican spokesman Rev. Federico Lombardi urged museum officials to make "a new, objective and in-depth review" of the caption, which says Pius did not protest the Nazi genocide of Jews during the war and maintained a largely "neutral" position. Lombardi weighed in after a Catholic official promoting the cause which could lead to sainthood for Pius gave interviews Saturday in which he said the caption was the main reason the pope cannot go to Israel. The Rev. Peter Gumpel called the caption flap "the most burning" reason why a pilgrimage by Benedict to Israel hasn't taken shape. "How can he go there knowing these captions are absolutely historically untrue?" Gumpel asked rhetorically in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

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NOTICE OF HEARINGS PENDING DENIAL APPEALS

Monday, October 20, 2008 first notice
Monday, October 27, 2008 second notice

Notice is hereby given to the persons listed below to appear at the Hearing Office, Department of Labor, Second Floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, on the date and at the time listed below. Please bring any documentation necessary to resolve the issues that led to the denial of your permit application. If you fail to appear or fail to bring required documentation, the appeal may be dismissed and an administrative order may be entered against you. Any employee who intends to request permission to transfer to a new employer must appear at the hearing to make that request; failure to appear may result in immediate denial of transfer relief.

ANY EMPLOYER WHOSE DENIAL AROSE FROM A FAILURE TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION, AND WHOSE DOCUMENTATION IS NOW COMPLETE, MAY REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND HAVE THE DENIAL REMOVED. ANY EMPLOYER WHOSE DENIAL IS REMOVED NEED NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING.

ANY EMPLOYEE WHO NO LONGER WISHES TO PURSUE EMPLOYMENT WITH THE EMPLOYER LISTED BELOW, AND WISHES TO RE-REGISTER FOR TRANSFER TO ANOTHER EMPLOYER, MAY REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND HAVE THE DENIAL REMOVED. ANY EMPLOYEE WHOSE DENIAL IS REMOVED NEED NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING AND MAY REGISTER WITH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR TRANSFER.

Case No.	Employee	Employer	Hearing Date	Time
DC 08-1049	Yoo, MN Ki	Abana Co., Ltd.	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-995	Padayao, Veronica C.	Alpex Saipan Inc.	OCT. 31, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-994	Sagarino, Nicasio D.	Alpex Saipan Inc.	OCT. 31, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-847	Clavecillas, Erwin C.	Atalig, Felipe Q.	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1050	Lu, Shenghua	Borja, Hong Hua Lu	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1063	Garcia, Raquel S.	Candy Carousel Inc.	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1065	Gomez, Marie Joy M.	Candy Carousel Inc.	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1066	Manansala, Levita I.	Candy Carousel Inc.	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1064	Payoc, Lorelie B.	Candy Carousel Inc.	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1045	Dela Rama, Melbert V.	CPS Electric Inc.	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1054	Kim, In Chull	Dipoto Corporation	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-227	Jeong, Ouk Soon	Dong Rim Corporation	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1052	Dela Cruz, Rufina S.	Eastern Hope Corporation	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-740	Yu, Xiaomei	Geng Biao Corp.	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-950	Shi, Xuehong	Global Ground Corporation	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-651	Lactao, Eric G.	Han Nam Corp.	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-243	Cruz, Felix H.	Hart, Arlene D.	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-244	Palma, Rowena P.	Hart, Arlene D.	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-993	Japitana, Carmen M.	Hotel Riviera Saipan, Inc.	OCT. 31, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1061	Li, Defu	Huang Zheng Corp. Ltd.	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1062	Jin, Fu Shun	Hyoduk Corporation	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1057	Valle, Eugenia S.	Iceberg Corporation	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1051	Ahn, Yong Kil	Jang's & Shun Corp.	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1056B	Casuncad, Rosalie C.	K.S. Chang Corporation	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-999	Alcaraz, Gabriel A.	Kevin International Corporation	OCT. 31, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1000	Qian, Jian	Kevin International Corporation	OCT. 31, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-559	Santos, Eugenio Jr., C.	Kintol, James P.	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1069	Perez, Mary Yvette T.	Little Darlings Child & Respite	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-984	Wu, Sue	Lizama, Aldebert B.	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1056A	Josue, Cecilia G.	Marianas Psychiatric Services	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-671	Ancheta, Marilou N.	Meros Corporation	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-294	Li, Ling	New Pacifiaisia Trading Inc.	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1024	Jose, Jovito V.	Pangelinan, Gonzalo Dlg.	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1043	Isip, Nila A.	Reyes, Barbara Ann	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1067	Dalusong, Aurora P.	S.G.B.H. Inc.	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1068	Valencia, Inea S.	S.G.B.H. Inc.	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-656	Caintoy, Raquel U.	Sablan, Deverly Davina M.	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1019	Kim, Young Mi	Saipan Ivy Academy, Inc.	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-815B	Malig, Danilo R.	Salas, Joseph S.	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1059	Wang, Xiaoying	San Nicolas, Vicente P.	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1044	Diaz, Ricky Demdam	Sara Enterprises Inc.	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1060	Zou, Shuang	Seman, Enrique K.	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1053	Li, Qinghua	Stone Corporation	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-682	Yang, Laiyi	Sunlight Corporation	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1046	Ysmael, Josefina S.	The Flair Co. Ltd.	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-818	Lee, Haet Nim	The Flair Co., Ltd.	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1047	Palumar, Clarissa O.	The Flair Co., Ltd.	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-1058	Lamis, Rey N.	Wons Corporation	OCT. 30, 2008	1:00 P.M.
DC 08-1055	Wang, Chun Yan	Yao Bang Development Corporation	OCT. 30, 2008	9:00 A.M.
DC 08-805	Thosa, Kiriyaporn	Younis Art Studio, Inc.	OCT. 31, 2008	9:00 A.M.

NOTICE OF SECRETARY'S ORDER ON APPEAL

Monday, October 20, 2008 first notice
Monday, October 27, 2008 second notice

Orders have been issued in the cases listed below and the parties have not picked up these orders after attempted service. By this notice, these parties are served with a copy of the order, which may be picked up at the Administrative Hearing Office, as of the second publication of this notice.

Case No.	Appellant	Appelllee
DC 07-412	Three Nine Corporation	Director of Labor
DC 07-412	Zhao, Yuehui	Director of Labor
DC 08-494	Posadas, Segundo	Director of Labor
DC 08-494	Chumjai, Chonnikan	Director of Labor

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Request for Proposal RFP 09-004

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the **Provision of Technical Support Concerning the Implementation and Evaluation of Prioritized Improvement Activities as well as Consultation on the Development of the CNMI's 2007-2008 IDEA Parts B and C State Performance Plans and Annual Performance Reports.**

Detailed information on the scope of work is available at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3 d floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

All proposals shall be in a sealed envelope face marked **"RFP 09-004"** containing one (1) original and three (3) copies and shall be submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than October 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Responsibility determination documents shall be placed in a separate envelope marked **"RFP 09-004, CONFIDENTIAL - Responsibility Determination"**, containing one (1) original and three (3) copies). Any proposal after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstance.

Technical questions shall be in writing and addressed to Mr. Juan D. Babauta, Acting Procurement & Supply Officer, via fax # (670) 664-3791. Alternatively ,questions may be e-mailed to the following address: **babautajd@pss.cnmi.mp.**

Contractors are required to submit with their proposal, a copy of their valid business license.

The Public School System reserves the right to award single or multiple awards or to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, if to do so is in the best interest of the Public School System.

All proposals shall become the property of the Public School System.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Juan D. Babauta
Acting, P&S Officer

Health & Fitness

Brain's reaction to yummy food may predict weight

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Drink a milkshake and the pleasure center in your brain gets a hit of happy—unless you're overweight. It sounds counterintuitive. But scientists who watched young women savor milkshakes inside a brain scanner concluded that when the brain doesn't sense enough gratification from food, people may overeat to compensate.

The small but first-of-a-kind study even could predict who would pile on pounds during the next year: Those who harbored a gene that made their brain's yum factor even more sluggish.

"The more blunted your response to the milkshake taste, the more likely you are to gain weight," said Dr. Eric Stice, a senior scientist at the Oregon Research Institute who led the work, published in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

A healthy diet and plenty of exercise are the main factors in whether someone is overweight. But scientists have long known that genetics also play a major role in obesity—and one big culprit is thought to be dopamine, the brain chemical that's key to sensing pleasure.

Eating can temporarily boost dopamine levels. Previous brain scans have suggested that the obese have fewer dopamine receptors in their brains than lean people. And a particular gene version, called Taq1A1, is linked to fewer dopamine receptors.

"This paper takes it one step farther," said Dr. Nora Volkow of the National Institutes of Health, a dopamine specialist who has long studied the obesity link. "It takes the gene associated with greater vulnerability for obesity and asks the question why. What is it doing to the way the brain is functioning that would make a person more vulnerable to compulsively eat food and become obese?"

It's "very elegant work," she added.

First, Stice's team had to figure out how to study the brain's immediate reactions to food. Moving inside an MRI machine skews its measurements, which ruled out letting the women slurp up the milkshakes. Yale University neuroscientist Dana Small solved that problem, with a special syringe that would squirt a small amount of milkshake or, for comparison, a tasteless solution into the mouth without study participants moving. They were told when to swallow, so researchers could coordinate the scans with that small motion.

Then they recruited volunteers, 43 female college students ages 18 to 22 and 33 teenagers, ages 14 to 18. Body mass index calculations showed the young women spanned the range from very skinny to obese.

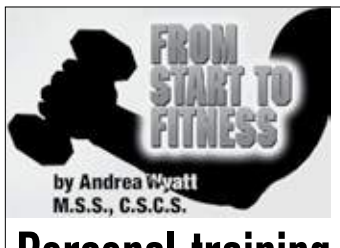
Brain scanning showed that a key region called the dorsal striatum—a dopamine-rich pleasure center—became active when they tasted the milkshake, but not when they tasted the comparison liquid that just mimicked saliva.

Yet that brain region was far less active in overweight people than in lean people, and in those who carry that A1 gene variant, the researchers reported. Moreover, women with that gene version were more likely to gain weight over the coming year.

It's a small study with few gene carriers, and thus must be verified, Volkow stressed.

Still, it could have important implications. Volkow, who heads NIH's National Institute of Drug Abuse, notes that "dopamine is not just about pleasure." It also plays a role in conditioning—dopamine levels affect drug addiction—and the ability to control impulses.

She wonders if instead of overeating to compensate for the lack of pleasure—Stice's conclusion—the study really might show that these people with malfunctioning dopamine in fact eat because they're impulsive.



Personal training with a friend

By Andrea Renee Wyatt, M.S.S., C.S.C.S.
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Q: My best friend recently started working with a personal trainer and has asked me to work out in a group with her and another friend. The personal training group would meet twice a week. I am a little worried that I am not as fit as the other two members of the group. Could everyone get an effective workout in a group setting even if we're on different fitness levels?

A: Group personal training is one of the biggest trends in the fitness industry today. The idea of receiving the expertise of a personal training but in a group setting has made this one of the most popular types of training at many fitness facilities. The benefits of group training are appealing to many who want to use a personal trainer and also enjoy the camaraderie of workout partners.

Most group personal-training sessions begin with the assessment of individual participants to establish their personal fitness goals and to discuss your health and fitness history.

Group personal training and group exercise classes differ in the approach to the group's purpose and the individual programming. Your personal trainer will be able to pace everyone in the group to work at their own fitness level by modifying exercises as necessary.

There are several benefits to group personal training, including a reduced cost by working out with another participant, the support and encouragement you can receive and give with other participants, accountability from your workout buddies, a professional trainer monitoring your workouts and assessing your goals, and a fun but productive workout environment.

Your personal trainer will be able to identify each individual's needs and then program workouts for their benefit. Discuss your concerns with the trainer, and he or she will design a workout that will safely challenge each person without going beyond their fitness level. Remember the goal is for each participant to succeed.

Although group training has its advantages, it is not for everyone. A true novice to exercise may not feel comfortable in a group and may opt for true one-on-one personal training. Also, your personal trainer should only place participants together who can work well with one another and create a positive environment for everyone involved.

Remember that while group personal training can be a great way to become fit, it is important to find the type of training that will work best for you and help you reach your fitness goals.

Always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program. If you have a fitness or training question, write to Andrea in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- BENJAMIN T. MANGLONA and ESTATE OF MAGDALENA M. MANGLONA Defendants.	]	Civil Action No. 07-0170 **NOTICE OF AUCTION**

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Benjamin T. Manglona and the Estate of Magdalena M. Manglona in the following described real property situated in Tatgua, Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 230 R 01, containing an area of 9,384.50 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 230 R 00, including all existing anfd future improvements on the said property, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 31, 2008**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Oscar C. Camacho, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit, Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the titles and properties; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Benjamin T. Manglona and the Estate of Magdalena M. Manglona in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real properties will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 3rd day of September 2008.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA,
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- JUAN M. SAN NICOLAS and MARIANA D. SAN NICOLAS, Defendants	]	Civil Action No. 03-0610B **NOTICE OF AUCTION**

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Juan M. San Nicolas and Mariana D. San Nicolas in the following described, real property situated in Tanapag, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 018 B 40
Beginning at a corner which is designated as Corner No. 1, having Plane Rectangular Coordinates of 57,885.476 meters North and 54,811.1119 meteres East of the Mariana Islands District Coordinate System of 1966.

Thence N 39" 29" 56" E, 72.922 meters to Corners 2;
Thence S 32" 53" 15" E, 32.271 meters to Corners 3;
Thence S 39" 29" 56" W, 63.127 meters to Corners 4;
Thence N 50" 30" 04" W, 30.852 meters to point of beginning;

The above described property contains an area of 2,099 square meters, more or less, as shown on Drawing No. 018 B 09 and recorded under File No. 89-2639, including all improvement, appurtenances and easements therewith;

AND

Lot No. 018 B 43
Beginning at a corner which is designated as Corner No. 1, having Plane Rectangular Coordinates of 57,848.316 meters North and 54,780.487 meteres East of the Mariana Islands District Coordinate System of 1966.

Thence N 39" 29" 56" E, 48.158 meters to Corners 2;
Thence S 50" 30" 04" E, 71.797 meters to Corners 3;
Thence S 39" 29" 56" W, 52.288 meters to Corners 4;
Thence N 44" 51" 32" W, 42.00 meters to point of beginning;

The above described property contains an area of 2,099 square meters, more or less, as shown on Drawing No. 018 B 09 and recorded under File No. 89-2639, including all improvement, appurtenances and easements therewith;

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 31, 2008**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Oscar C. Camacho, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit, Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the titles and properties; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests Juan M. San Nicolas and Mariana D. San Nicolas in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real properties will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 3rd day of September 2008.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA,
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- FRANCISCO I. BABAUTA Defendant.	]	Civil Action No. 06-0216 **NOTICE OF AUCTION**

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendant Francisco I. Babuta in the following described real property situated in San Roque, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 001 B 10, containing an area of 752 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 B 00, the original of which was registered with the Land registry as Document No 100, on the 30th day of June, 1970, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 31, 2008**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
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4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Oscar C. Camacho, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
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7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the titles and properties; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Francisco I. Babauta in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real properties will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 3rd day of September 2008.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA,
COMMISSIONER
Department of Public Safety

Life & Style

New Yorker publishes work of French Nobel laureate

NEW YORK (AP)—Nobel laureate Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio, little known to American audiences before being named the winner of the literature prize, is getting another introduction to U.S. readers: His work is appearing for the first time in The New Yorker.

"We thought lots of people would be very interested to see what his work was like," said New Yorker fiction editor Deborah Treisman, whose translation of the short story "The Boy Who Had Never Seen the Sea" will appear on newsstands Monday. "We also wanted to move fast and publish it while people still remember his name."

AP

This is a Feb. 2008 file photo of French novelist Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio who won the 2008 Nobel Prize in literature on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008.

Le Clezio, 68, was praised by the Swedish Academy for his "poetic adventure and sensual ecstasy" in such works as "Terra Amata," "The Book of Flights" and "Desert." Although he is ranked among the greatest living French writers, even leading American critics - including Treisman and New Yorker editor David Remnick - acknowledged they had not read his work.

A week before the award was announced, Academy Permanent Secretary Horace Engdahl told The Associated Press that the United States was too insular and ignorant to challenge Europe as the center of the literary world; Remnick was among those who objected.

Originally published in "Mondo et Autre Histoires" ("Mondo and Other Stories"), a 1978 collection, "The Boy" tells of a young loner and boarding school student named Daniel whose passion for the sea leads to his mysterious disappearance and raises him to mythical heights among those who knew him - and among the many who didn't.

"We talked about the usual school things," Le Clezio writes, "our math problems, our Latin translations, but always we were thinking of him, as if he really were a kind of Sinbad, still making his way around the world."

Treisman said that after the Nobel was announced, on Oct. 9, she contacted Le Clezio's publisher, Gallimard, who gave permission for The New Yorker to publish work from "Mondo." Treisman said she chose "The Boy" for its language and narrative and imaginative power.

Asked why she had never read Le Clezio, even though she was fluent in French, Treisman laughed and responded: "I do have an awful lot to read. I try to keep up with what's happening and I'm aware of quite a few writers in France right now, but I had no particular reason to read his work before this (the Nobel).

"So this was a big prod from the Nobel Prize committee."

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANKPACIFIC, LTD., Plaintiff, vs. **WILMER R. SABLAN aka WILMER RABAGO SABLAN and EMERITHA T. TORRES aka EMERITHA TAISACAN TORRES,** Defendants.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0360** **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order of Sale issued by the Court in this matter on September 15, 2008, I will cause to be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, to satisfy a Judgment entered June 03, 2008, in favor of Plaintiff, Defendants' interest in and to the following real property situated in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as described below:

Lot No. 011 G 942 containing an area of917 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 18, dated December 03, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4286, dated December 09, 1993, the description herein being incorporated herein by reference.

1. **Date, Time, and Place of Sale.** The sale, open to the general public (including the Defendant), will be on October 24,2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

2. **Inspection of Property.** Failure to inspect the property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by the bidder.

3. **Warranties and Covenants.** The property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of merchantability, and/or title for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyer shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

4. **Conduct of Sale.**
a. RESERVE. The sale may be held with reserve. Disclosure of the reserve price on the property offered will be at the sole discretion of the undersigned.
b. BIDS. Bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed. The highest of such advance bids will be the opening bid for the property. Advance bids may be submitted in writing and delivered to Vincent J. Seman, Carl smith Ball LLP, Carlsmith Building, P.O. Box 5241, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or error in delivery of bids.
c. DISPUTES. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice of Sale if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.
d. DEPOSIT. Immediately after the sale is consummated the successful bidder must pay to the undersigned a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance of 90% must be paid to the Plaintiff, in care of **Carlsmith Ball LLP**, Attorneys At Law, within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, Plaintiff shall retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and may again offer the property for sale.
e. MEMORANDUM OF SALE. Ifrequested by the undersigned, a successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale immediately after the sale of the property is struck at auction.

5. **Court Approval Required.** Every property sale is subject to approval by the Court. The Auctioneer and Plaintiff make no warranties or promises with respect to Court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of Court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified if and when court approval is granted. The sale is subject to the judgment debtor's rights of redemption pursuant to Commonwealth law.

6. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages. of the CNMI governing auction sales, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties: (1) to withdraw the property listed in this Notice, and such withdrawal may occur before the sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale, without notice, at any time before the property is struck off; (3) to reject, on behalf of the Plaintiff, any and all bids for any reason, the exercise of either of which will be without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby.

7. **Change of Terms and Conditions.** The undersigned and the Plaintiff reserve the right to change any ofthe tenns hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 26th day of September, 2008.

/s/ **VINCENT J. SEMAN**

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF HAWAII, Plaintiff, vs. **SYLVIA ARRIOLA PE and RENA TO S. PE,** Defendants.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0455** **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order of Sale issued by the Court in this matter on September 24, 2008, I will cause to be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, to satisfy a Judgment entered April 16, 2008 in favor of Plaintiff, Defendants' interest in and to the following real property situated in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as described below:

EA 415-3NEW-3 (formerly part of EA 415-3 NEW, which was part of original EA 415), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2026/89, the original of which was recorded 07 DEC 88 as Document No. 88-3910 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

1. **Date, Time, and Place of Sale.** The sale, open to the general public (including the Defendant), will be on October 24, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

2. **Inspection of Property.** Failure to inspect the property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by the bidder.

3. **Warranties and Covenants.** The property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of merchantability, and/or title for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the Plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyer shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

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7. **Change of Terms and Conditions.** The undersigned and the Plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 26th day of September, 2008.

/s/ **VINCENT J. SEMAN**

Northern Mariana Islands RETIREMENT FUND

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC, Division 9, §9910, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Timothy P. Villagomez, through the NMI Retirement Fund Board of Trustees/Workers' Compensation Commission/Group Health & Life Insurance Trust Fund, are hereby giving notice that the Board of Trustees will hold its Regular meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMI Retirement Fund Conference Room, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting:
  - 1. September 25, 2008
  - 2. October 1, 2008

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. REPORTS
- A. Report of the Chairman
  - 1. ROC No. 08-012
- B. Report of the Administrator / Correspondence
  - 1. ROA No. 08-012
- C. Report of the Comptroller
  - 1. Financials
    - a) NMIRF
    - b) GHLITF
    - c) WCC
  - 2. Drawdown Request
- D. Reports of the Committees
  - 1. Finance & Investment Committee
    - a) Report No. FIC 08-008
  - 2. Operations & Personnel Committee
    - a) Report No. OP 08-006
  - 3. Policies, Programs & Legislative Review Committee
    - a) Report No. PPLR 08-004
  - 4. GH&L and WCC Committee
    - a) Report No. GH&L and WCC 08-007
    - b) Report No. GH&L and WCC 08-008
- E. Reports of the Investment Director
  - 1. Status of Investment/Market Condition
  - 2. Report of Housing Loan Program
- F. Communications
  - 1. Internal Auditor Reports
- G. Other Matters
  - 1. Committee Composition – Proposed Revision
  - 2. APAFS and ML/Managers Report
  - 3. Summary of ML Legislative Presentation

IV. LEGAL MATTERS
- A. Reports of the Legal Counsels
  - 1. Report of the Board Counsel
    - a) Lawsuit
    - b) Personnel Matters
  - 2. Report of the In-house Counsel
    - a) Update on Administrative Appeals
  - 3. Report of the Hearing Officer

V. OLD BUSINESS
- 1. BR 08-001 Matters
  - a) Pension Application Matters
  - b) P.L. 15-98
  - c) Disability Applicants
- 2. DC Plan Update Report
- 3. Rota and Tinian Office Space
- 4. RFP 08-046 – Wrap Fee
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/s/ JUAN T. GUERRERO
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Palin smiles as 'SNL' mocks her anew

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Sarah Palin can give as good as she gets. The Republican vice presidential nominee appeared on NBC-TV's "Saturday Night Live" and played along as Tina Fey reprised her impersonation of the Alaska governor.

Palin stood with Executive Producer Lorne Michaels late Saturday as the two watched Palin stage a mock news conference. Palin lamented Michaels wouldn't let her impersonate Fey on her show, "30 Rock," but Michaels said no one watched the program anyway.

Palin then stood and smiled as actor Alec Baldwin - who co-stars on "30 Rock" with Fey - confused Palin for Fey and told Michaels he shouldn't let Fey demean herself by portraying the governor.

Palin went on to deliver the show's signature starting line, "Live from New York, it's `Saturday Night.'"

AP

Republican vice-presidential candidate, Gov. Sarah Palin gestures during a rally in Lancaster, Pa., Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008.

Rapper Lil Wayne named lyricist of year by BET

AP

Lil Wayne, left, and T-Pain perform during the BET Hip Hop Awards '08, Saturday Oct. 18, 2008, in Atlanta.

ATLANTA (AP)—Lil Wayne was named lyricist of the year and Russell Simmons was honored as a hip-hop icon at this year's BET Hip-Hop Awards taped on Saturday in Atlanta.

The New Orleans rapper, who was nominated for 12 awards, was also named MVP of the Year and the Alltel Wireless People's Champ at the ceremony, which was hosted by T-Pain instead of scheduled host, comedian Katt Williams.

The show featured a hip-hop matriarch medley that included MC Lyte, Yo-Yo, Salt-n-Pepa. DJ Khaled, Young Jeezy, Ludacris, Busta Rhymes, Big Boi, Lil Wayne, Fat Joe, Birdman and Rick Ross took home the award for Best Hip-Hop Collaboration for "I'm So Hood (The Remix)."

T.I. also made this year's show. The Atlanta rapper was scheduled to headline last year's ceremony, but was arrested hours before the event on federal weapons charges after he was caught trying to purchase semi-automatic guns and silencers. T.I. pleaded guilty earlier this year and is scheduled to be sentenced in March.

Atlanta factored heavily into the night's festivities, with a performance by Young Jeezy, Soulja Boy and Bow Wow. Shawty Lo was named MySpace Music Rookie of the Year.

LL Cool J presented Simmons with the "I Am Hip-Hop" Icon award, given to an individual who has made notable contributions of outstanding significance to the hip-hop community. Simmons was recognized as a philanthropic inspiration to other artists.

Atlanta rapper Shawty Lo was named MySpace Music Rookie of the Year.

The awards show will air on Oct. 23.

Don Cornelius of 'Soul Train' arrested in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Don Cornelius, the former host of the television show "Soul Train," was arrested on suspicion of domestic violence, police said Saturday.

Police were called to his Hollywood Hills home late Friday after someone reported a domestic dispute, Officer Sam Park said.

The 72-year-old producer was taken to jail, where he was booked for investigation of felony domestic violence, Park said. He was released on $50,000 bail and ordered to appear in court next month.

Park said he did not know whom Cornelius was suspected of assaulting.

A call to Cornelius' production office was not immediately returned.

Cornelius started "Soul Train" in 1970 to showcase black music and culture, introducing television audiences to such legendary artists as Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye and Barry White. The series spawned a franchise that includes the Soul Train Music Awards, the Soul Train Lady of Soul Awards and the Soul Train Christmas Starfest.

Cornelius stepped down as "Soul Train" host in 1993.

AP

This Monday, March 6, 2006 file photo shows Don Cornelius at his office in Los Angeles. Don Cornelius, the former host of the television show "Soul Train," has been arrested on suspicion of domestic violence, police said Saturday.

TBS problems keep first part of ALCS off air

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—TBS had technical difficulties that prevented it from showing live coverage of the first 20 minutes - and the first home run - of Game 6 of the American League championship series between Boston and Tampa Bay on Saturday night.

The game started at 8:08 p.m., but the broadcast didn't begin until 8:28 p.m., when Carlos Pena, the seventh batter of the game, walked in the bottom of the first. TBS then showed a replay of a home run by B.J. Upton, the previous batter, that put the Rays ahead 1-0.

"Two circuit breakers in our Atlanta transmission operations tripped, causing the master router and its backup - which are necessary to transmit any incoming feed outbound - to shut down," TBS spokesman Sal Petruzzi said in a statement.

"This impacted our live feed from being distributed to any of the other networks in the Turner portfolio and caused the delay in our coverage," Petruzzi said. "Both our primary and backup routers were impacted by this problem. We apologize to baseball fans for this mishap that caused a delay in our coverage."

Major League Baseball spokesman Rich Levin said MLB was unaware there was a problem until the broadcast failed to come on the air. No consideration was given to delaying the start of the game because the starting pitchers already had warmed up, Levin said.

When the top of the second inning began, broadcaster Chip Caray said: "We again apologize profusely for the technical difficulties we had back in Atlanta. You haven't missed much."

In place of the game, TBS had televised an episode of "The Steve Harvey Show." A crawl on the screen ran several times, saying: "We are experiencing technical difficulties."

"We couldn't put anything out because the live transmission had gone down," TBS spokesman Jeff Pomeroy said. "You're not able to put up the audio of the game because you couldn't get the feed out."

Tampa Bay, seeking its first World Series appearance, led the best-of-seven series 3-2 after wasting a 7-0, seventh-inning lead in Game 5 and losing 8-7 to the defending champion Red Sox.

At the Cask N Flagon outside Fenway Park, manager Mike Fusco said the hour - from the pregame show until the game was restored—"wasn't real fun."

Doctored gasoline gives theft victim measure of satisfaction

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: A few weeks ago, I returned home after mowing the lawn at my mother's place and parked my truck behind my house. I left the lawnmower and a 5-gallon can of gas in the bed of my truck and went into the house for a drink of water. When I returned, the gas can was missing.

I bought another can, filled it with gas and added 2 pounds of sugar. Again, I parked my truck in the same spot with the gas can visible. An hour later, it too had disappeared.

A short while later, I noticed a neighbor's son and his friends pushing his car up the street. They said they had "engine problems." My wife thinks what I did was wrong and that I should offer to pay for this lad's engine repairs. What do you think?

"A-GASSED" IN ILLINOIS

DEAR "A-GASSED": I disagree with your wife. What if the boys had another kind of engine problem and this was just a coincidence? I'm sure whoever stole your gas got an expensive lesson. Let's hope it also saved them from a life of crime.

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DEAR ABBY: Please help with a question about Halloween trick-or-treating etiquette. What do you do when the parents of the children who are trick-or-treating present you with their own candy collection bag? This happened to me several times last year.

Some of the adults said they were collecting for a child who wasn't there or for infants and toddlers in strollers. Others didn't even offer a reason, even after I asked them what their "costume" was supposed to be. Thanks for your input, Abby.

KATHLEEN B., SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

DEAR KATHLEEN: While Halloween is supposed to be a holiday for children, many teens and adults enjoy the idea of free candy and trick-or-treating, too. In years past my doorbell has been rung by revelers who looked so old I was tempted to offer them a martini.

As I see it, you have two choices: Buy enough candy to go around, or turn off all the lights and hide. In my experience, it's better to do the former.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a man with post-traumatic stress disorder. He takes anti-depressants and sleeping meds, and has for many years. Because he fought on the front lines in Vietnam, he deals with nightmares related to PTSD.

He loves me and wants to marry me, but I worry because his first three marriages didn't work. I care about this man, but I'm a little scared of the future and how his PTSD will affect us. What should I do?

LOVES MY VET

DEAR LOVES: I assume that because your boyfriend is on anti-depressants and sleeping medication, he is also under a doctor's care. Has he also received psychiatric treatment for his PTSD?

While this question may seem obvious, I'm sad to say that some soldiers from as far back as WWII "slipped through the cracks" and suffered their entire lives with night terrors and difficulty forming close relationships because they never received the treatment they needed. If your boyfriend hasn't received professional help, insist that he get it—because unless he does, yours will be failed marriage No. 4.

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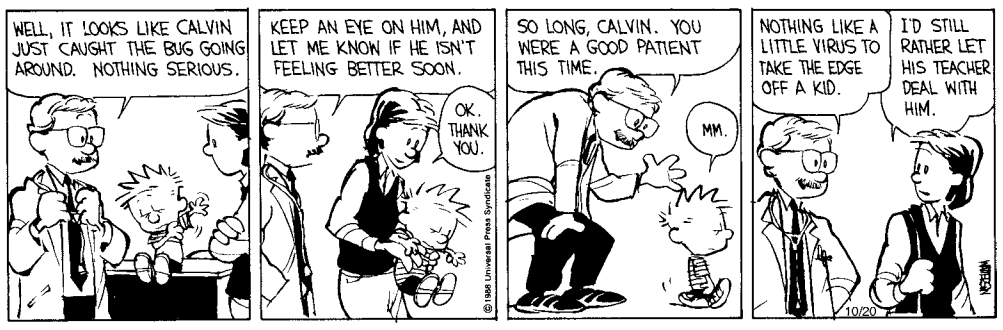
Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE CALVIN JUST CAUGHT THE BUG GOING AROUND. NOTHING SERIOUS.
KEEP AN EYE ON HIM, AND LET ME KNOW IF HE ISN'T FEELING BETTER SOON.
OK. THANK YOU.
SO LONG, CALVIN. YOU WERE A GOOD PATIENT THIS TIME.
MM.
NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE VIRUS TO TAKE THE EDGE OFF A KID.
I'D STILL RATHER LET HIS TEACHER DEAL WITH HIM.
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

You KNOW WHAT I ENJOY DOING?
UH-OH.
ATTENTION COMICS PAGE EDITORS, GET READY WITH THAT BLACK BAR THING.
WHAT?! I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY THAT I LIKE TO ROLL AROUND IN MY OWN [redacted].
OH. THAT'S NICE.
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Friend
5 Egos' counterparts
8 Leading man?
12 Sax-playing Simpson
13 Born
14 Arizona city
15 Greek war god
16 Somewhat sore, as a throat
18 Know-it-all, maybe
20 Desert waterway
21 Bound
23 Distant
24 Wrote hastily
28 Philosopher Immanuel
31 Gorilla
32 Done in
34 Plaything
35 Cleanse
37 Ice-removing gadgets
39 Pitch
41 Medal earner
42 Illinois city
45 Mythological maidens
49 Prepare eggs, in a way
51 Repast
52 "— a Lady"
53 Vegas intro
54 Therefore
55 Throw
56 Sullivan and McMahon
57 Strong yearning

DOWN
1 Applaud
2 Employ
3 Second-hand
4 Spice blend of Indian cuisine
5 Sets up for use
6 Last calendar pg.
7 Antitoxins
8 National Railroad Passenger Corporation
9 Adorn
10 Wan
11 BLT topper
17 "Bow-wow!"
19 Information
22 Fuzzy fruit
24 Witnessed
25 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
26 Makes good as new
27 Tragic condition
29 Neither mate
30 Pennington and Cobb
33 — a soul (nobody)
36 Bother repeatedly
38 Saddle knob
40 Edge
42 Hushed "Hey, you!"
43 Reverberate
44 Skilled
46 South American land
47 Crones
48 Coin aperture
50 Young fellow

Solution time: 24 mins.

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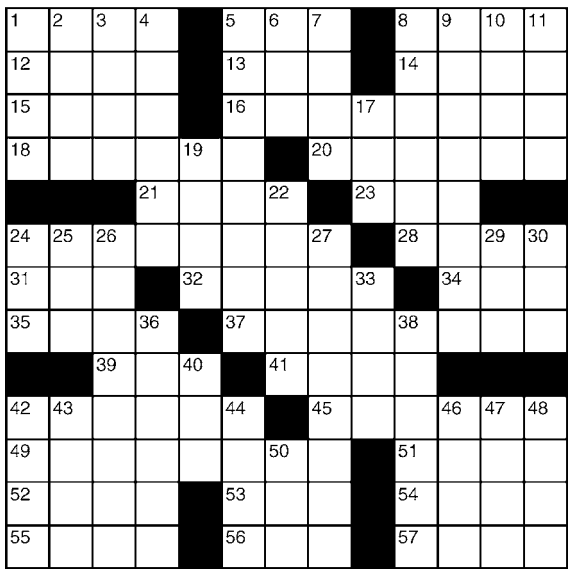
Saturday's answer 10-20



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Happy Birthday: Taking on more than you can handle will result in a lack of confidence. You have to say no and proceed with your own plans. There is no room for putting your own priorities aside for someone else's. Home will be your sanctuary where you will accomplish the most. Your numbers are 2, 7, 14, 19, 28, 31, 39

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You may feel as if you are heading into a meltdown but hang in there. It will pass if you occupy your time with things you enjoy. Avoid someone who is overreacting and causing trouble. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): An adventure will be within your reach, so sign up to take part. A position that can take you from one location to another should be favored but make sure you know exactly what's being offered. Act fast. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't take anyone or anything for granted or you will miss out. A chance to work on something or with someone unique will open doors of opportunity. Emotional blackmail must not stop you from moving forward. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Do not allow anyone to get your dander up or cause you grief. Look at situations for what they are and act accordingly. Now is not the time to save the day. Change may not be to your liking but it is necessary. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You need a change of scenery and someone to enjoy your enthusiasm about future plans. Love is on the rise, so don't hesitate to court the one you love all over again or find someone new if you are single. Socializing is a powerful networking tool. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You can stabilize your position within an organization or group of which you are a member. Don't criticize anyone. Letting others come to you is your best bet where emotional matters are concerned. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't put try to finish something that requires far more detail before you proceed. You will be criticized if you leave out something important or neglect to follow an important procedure. Don't cut corners. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Cut yourself some slack and take a much-needed break before you become stale and accomplish little. Give in to your whims and have a little fun with the people you love. They will appreciate sharing experiences and time with you. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Someone will stop you in your tracks if you are jumping from one thing to another and accomplishing little. Back up and consider what will make you money and what will cost you. Enforce a new budget. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't get trapped by someone who wants to make a point or undermine your thinking. Know what you are up against and don't fear putting someone in his or her place if need be. It's you or the other guy, so look out for your own interests. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You may be tempted to take on something rather unusual but, before you do, make sure you have cleared your decision with the people it will affect. Don't be afraid of what's to come—instead, embrace the future. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Take on a new challenge. Love lost may be hurtful but it will also help you see the errors both you and others have made in the past. Mix the old with the new and you will come up with something worth doing. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You think big, speak with unbiased truthfulness and stick to your beliefs and traditions. You have an open mind and a free spirit.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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1	4	2	3	5	7	6	8	9
8	5	3	9	6	2	7	4	1
7	6	9	8	4	1	5	3	2

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By DAVID OUELLET

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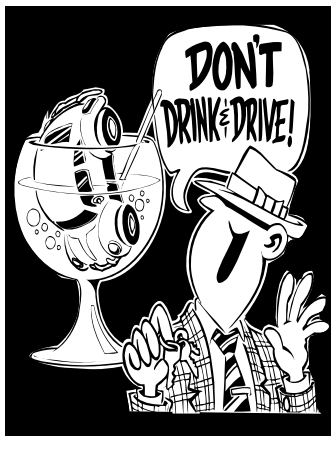

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Position Title: **CLASSROOM TEACHER (Highly Qualified)**
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Pay Level/Step: **VI-VIII / 03-05** Per Annum Salary: **$30,976.96-$35,837.44**
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Red Sox force Game 7 by topping Rays 4-2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Now look who's one win away from the World Series. The Boston Red Sox, playing like the defending champs they are, came out swinging and beat Tampa Bay 4-2 Saturday night to force a Game 7 in an AL championship series the Rays all but wrapped up two days earlier.

Slumping Jason Varitek hit a tiebreaking home run in the sixth inning as Boston evened the ALCS at 3-all. No late drama needed by the Red Sox this time—they rallied from seven runs down with only seven outs left to win Game 5.

Now Jon Lester starts Game 7 for the Red Sox on Sunday night against Matt Garza in a rematch of Game 3, won by the Rays 9-1 at Fenway Park. Last year, the Red Sox trailed Cleveland 3-1 before winning three in a row, then sweeping Colorado for their second Series title in four seasons.

"It's great to get to Game 7, to battle like this," said Kevin Youkilis, who homered and drove in two runs. "We went out there and played like it was our last game. It was awesome."

The pennant winner hosts the World Series opener Wednesday night against the well-rested Philadelphia Phillies, who won the NL pennant over the Los Angeles Dodgers in five games.

"It's all about how we react to the moment, and it's a seventh game," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "It's a great learning experience. For us to win that game would be something special for us, also. So it's not about looking into the past. It's about looking into the future right now."

Red Sox ace Josh Beckett, who struggled in his first two starts of the playoffs, allowed two runs and four hits in five innings despite reduced velocity, and Hideki Okajima, Justin Masterson and Jonathan Papelbon combined for hitless relief.

AP

From left, Boston Red Sox's Dustin Pedroia, Jed Lowrie and Mark Kotsay congratulate their teammate after defeating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-2 in Game 6 of the American League baseball championship series in St. Petersburg, Fla., Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008.

"It's probably pretty appropriate. We come down to the last game, and whoever plays better gets to move on," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

B.J. Upton tied an AL record with his seventh home run of the postseason. After Boston went ahead 2-1, Tampa Bay tied it on Jason Bartlett's fifth-inning homer. But the Rays didn't get another hit, and the Red Sox improved to 9-0 in ALCS elimination games under manager Terry Francona.

Varitek, the Red Sox captain, had been 0-for-14 in the series before his homer in the sixth finished Shields, who allowed four runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

"He wears a `C' on that jersey for a lot of different reasons, but none more important than how much respect everybody in that clubhouse, including players, coaches, upper management, has for him," Beckett said.

The Red Sox, trying to become the first repeat champions since the 1998-00 Yankees, were jubilant.

"We'll take runs any way we can get it," Francona said. "But the way it happened, and as hard as he's worked, it meant a lot to everybody. "

David Ortiz added an RBI single off J.P. Howell to pad the lead.

Boston bounced back from a 3-1 ALCS deficit in 1986 against the Angels, then in 2004 became the first major league team to win a postseason series when trailing 3-0, beating the Yankees for the pennant before sweeping St. Louis in the World Series. Then came last year's comeback.

It was a strange night in different ways. The first 20 minutes of the game weren't shown on television because TBS had an equipment failure.

And plate umpire Derryl Cousins left with a bruised collarbone after three innings, causing a 15-minute delay. Cousins was struck by a foul ball hit by Varitek in the second, but remained in the game until the delay. He was replaced by crew chief Tim McClelland, who had been working first base.

"The delay didn't really bug me that much. I had just come out," Beckett said. "I think James Shields probably had the worst end of that deal."

Upton, who only hit nine homers in 531 regular-season at-bats, homered in the first inning off Beckett, driving the ball off one of the catwalks at Tropicana Field. He tied Troy Glaus (2002) with his seventh homer in a single postseason, one behind record-holders Barry Bonds (2002) and Carlos Beltran (2004).

Right after that, the television broadcast began.

Youkilis led off the second inning with his drive into the left center-field seats off Shield, then gave the Red Sox a 2-1 lead in the third when he grounded out after Dustin Pedroia walked and raced to third on Ortiz's double down the right-field line.

Bartlett's homer tied it in the fifth.

Okajima pitched two scoreless innings, and Masterson got out of a potential tight situation in the eighth. He hit Bartlett with a pitch leading off and went to a 2-0 count on Akinori Iwamura when pitching coach John Farrell visited the mound. Papelbon struck out Iwamura, got two straight outs, and then Papelbon pitched a 1-2-3 ninth, extending his major league-record career postseason scoreless streak to 25 innings over 16 appearances.

"The important thing is we found a way to win this game," Varitek said. "It was a big win for us."

Yankees pitcher arrested for DUI

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain was arrested for allegedly driving under the influence, speeding and having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle.

Nebraska State Patrol spokeswoman Deborah Collins said Chamberlain was stopped for speeding on U.S. 77 near his hometown of Lincoln at about 1 a.m. Saturday.

Collins said Chamberlain was taken to the Cornhusker Place Detox in Lincoln, which she said is the normal protocol.

Chamberlain was lodged at the center on charges of driving under the influence, having an open container of alcohol and speeding.

Collins said the county attorney likely would file formal charges Monday.

An e-mail sent to Chamberlain's agent Saturday was not immediately returned.

Lakers beat forward Pau Gasol's old team, 108-104

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kobe Bryant scored 28 points and the Los Angeles Lakers beat FC Barcelona, Pau Gasol's old team, 108-104 on Saturday night in an exhibition game.

Gasol, who was born in Barcelona and lives there during the offseason, spent five years with the team he helped beat at Staples Center. He finished with 13 points and five rebounds in 19 minutes.

"It was a lot of fun. It was a special game," Gasol said. "I have a few friends and former teammates there. It's always special to me, to play against the city where I was born and the team that I grew up with as a player."

Juan Carlos Navarro, the only member of FC Barcelona who played for Spain at the Beijing Olympics, scored 34 points in 41 minutes.

"He's offensive-mined and he's not shy at all," Gasol said. "He's got great ability and he can shoot it from pretty much anywhere in the floor and he can do a lot of damage. He was ready to have some fun tonight."

Gasol and Navarro also were teammates with the Memphis Grizzlies last season before Gasol was traded to the Lakers on Feb. 1 in a multiplayer deal that sent Kwame Brown to Memphis. Navarro is one of four players on this FC Barcelona squad with NBA experience, along with Andre Barrett, Daniel Santiago and Ersan Ilyasova.

"I think he was trying to prove a point tonight—that he can play in this league," Gasol added. "I think he felt he was not valued as a basketball player at the end of the season, but he can play with any team he wants to. He fits well anywhere if he gets the minutes. But no team stepped up to the plate and gave him a good contract so that he could continue here."

The U.S. Olympic team beat Spain 118-107 in the gold medal game despite 21 points from Gasol and 18 from Navarro. Bryant was on the U.S. team that brought back America's first Olympic basketball championship since 2000.

The Lakers were the fourth NBA team FC Barcelona has played against, and the first on American soil. They lost to Denver by 34 points in the 1989 McDonald's Championship at Rome, lost to the Grizzlies by nine points in October 2003, and beat Philadelphia 104-99 in October 2006. They also played a team of NBA All-Stars to celebrate the 100th anniversary of their team, and lost.

The Lakers took the lead for good early in the first quarter, building their margin to 40-19 with an 11-0 run capped by Chris Mihm's two free throws with 7:56 left in the second quarter. Barcelona stormed back with a 23-3 burst, slicing the deficit to 43-42 on David Andersen's 21-footer with 1:47 left in the half.

The defending Western Conference champions converted 20 Barcelona turnovers into 35 points through the first three quarters, and the visitors couldn't recover. Bryant scored 12 points in the third, going to the bench with 1:38 left in the quarter and the Lakers ahead 79-67. The reigning NBA MVP was 10-for-14 from the field in 27 minutes.

Jordan Farmar, Trevor Ariza and DJ Mbenga helped keep Barcelona at bay despite a 17-point fourth quarter by Navarro, whose 3-pointer cut the margin to 101-94 with 1:16 to play. The visitors got as close as four after Navarro made one of two free throws with 46 seconds left. But Mihm responded with a clutch three-point play to help secure the win.

As per the custom at games between teams from different countries, the Lakers and the Barcelona players exchanged gifts moments before the player introductions.

Turnesa leads in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Marc Turnesa didn't come close to matching his first two rounds, yet still managed to stay atop the leaderboard for the third straight day in the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

After opening with rounds of 62 and 64, the PGA Tour rookie shoot a 3-under 69 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Chris DiMarco (63), Michael Allen (64) and Ken Duke (67). Turnesa had a 21-under 195 total at TPC Summerlin.

"There were some low scores, but none of them were really from the leaders," Turnesa said. "So, I think I'm a bit fortunate.

"I kind of got off to a slow start. I think I was struggling a bit. I hit a few wayward shots, and it wasn't quite like the previous two days where everything was going my way. I had a good back nine and was able to hold the lead."

Matt Kuchar was tied for the lead with Turnesa with a hole to play, but closed with a double bogey for a 71. He was two strokes back at 19 under along with Zach Johnson (70) and Chris Stroud (67).

"It's a real bummer to make double on the last, but I'm still right there, two shots back," Kuchar said. "Here you've got a lot of chances to make birdies, but you certainly don't go out thinking, 'I've got to keep pace with what I did the first two days.' That's hard to do."

DiMarco eagled Nos. 9 and 16 and added six birdies. He played the last six holes in 6 under for his best round since a 62 in the 2003 Phoenix Open. After finishing in the top 30 on the money list from 1999 to 2005, he has missed 15 cuts in 26 events this year and is 143rd on the money list with $474,314.

"It's nice to be back in the hunt," DiMarco said. "It's a birdiefest out there. So for me to shoot 9 under today, I definitely played catchup, and that's all you want to do is play catchup and give yourself a chance for Sunday on the back nine. That back nine is fun because a lot of things could change. A lot could be done.

"To me, that makes golf exciting. I think fans want to see us make birdies and eagles and shoot low numbers and win tournaments like that rather than just try to hold on with bogeys and pars."

Another big mover was the 49-year-old Allen, who quickly moved to 17 under with three birdies and an eagle on the first four holes.

Duke moved up five strokes by making eight birdies that offset three bogeys.

Johnson, who won the Texas Open last week, has made only seven bogeys in his last seven rounds, but two of them came in the third round.

Twelve players were cut at 8-under 208 following Saturday's round, leaving 71 players in the field.

With Palmer out, Bengals in Fitzpatrick's hands

CINCINNATI (AP)—In his two starts for the Cincinnati Bengals, quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick played more like the backup he's been since he arrived in town.

That has to change if the Bengals are ever going to win a game.

With Carson Palmer sidelined indefinitely by an elbow injury, the Bengals (0-6) are now in Fitzpatrick's hands. They got the former Harvard quarterback in a trade with the Rams before last season, thinking he was the perfect backup for one of the NFL's most durable passers.

In his third start on Sunday, he'll have his best chance yet to prove them right. The Bengals gave him full run of the offense in practice this week, something he hadn't had so far. They also designed the game plan with Fitzpatrick in mind, knowing that Palmer will not be available.

"I think that definitely helps," Fitzpatrick said. "Getting a full week of practice last week, and then getting this week, is going to help out a lot. I think there's becoming more of a comfort level with me and the coaches in terms of what they think my strengths are and what I can do, and what plays they can specifically call for me."

They've been figuring it out on the fly, and it hasn't work out so well.

Palmer took every snap last season, leaving Fitzpatrick to stand on the sideline and learn a new offense that he got to run only in preseason games. Palmer likes to run almost all the plays with the starting offense in practice, so Fitzpatrick was out of practice when he got thrown into a game.

Palmer hurt a tendon in his throwing elbow during a 26-23 loss to the Giants on Sept. 21. He went through the first two days of practice the next week, then had to back off because the elbow was bothering him. Fitzpatrick got essentially one day of practice in a game plan tailored for Palmer, leaving the backup in a tough spot.

Fitzpatrick went 21-of-35 for 156 yards with three interceptions and a fumble in a 20-12 loss to Cleveland the next week. He looked rusty and very much out of practice.

He and Palmer shared practice time the next two weeks. Palmer played in a 31-22 loss to Dallas, and Fitzpatrick took over for a 26-14 loss at the New York Jets last Sunday. He went 20-of-33 for 152 yards without an interception, and ran for Cincinnati's only touchdown on offense.

Still not all that good, but much better than his first game.

"I think every time he goes in, he does things better, he feels more comfortable," offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski said. "You can tell just by his body language when he breaks the huddle. I thought last week as the game went along, he felt more and more comfortable."

Palmer and Fitzpatrick have played with the same handicap: No running game. The Bengals are second-to-last in the league with 72 yards per game, allowing defenses the luxury of clamping down on the passing game because they don't have to worry as much about the run.

The Bengals spent the early part of this week trying to figure out what they have to do to get the running game started.

"We're not going to back off, but we're not going to be stupid with it, either," Bratkowski said. "I mean: We're going to do what we feel we have to do to move the ball. And if we start to get more out of the pass game, then maybe the run game will kick in because we're doing things better in the pass game."

Doing either against the Steelers (4-1) is a challenge. Pittsburgh's defense has given up only seven touchdowns this season and has allowed the second-fewest yards rushing and the third-fewest yards passing in the league.

"Pittsburgh has an unbelievable defense," receiver Chad Ocho Cinco said. "They have been that way for a number of years, so there's no reason for me to praise them. They have always been one of the best in the league. In order for us to beat them, whether we are playing at our home or theirs, we have to play darned near perfect football. That is what it is going to come down to."

The Steelers are coming to Cincinnati, where they have won their last seven games. Whether they make it eight in a row will come down to how Fitzpatrick handles a defense that has him targeted.

"They're relentless," Fitzpatrick said. "I think that's the biggest thing. Even if you've got them blocked for a second or two, they're not going to quit. I think that's been a lot of their success in previous years—they keep finding guys who just go. They want to get to the quarterback, and they're not going to stop until they get him."

AP

Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick (11) drops back for a first-quarter pass under pressure from New York Jets linebacker Calvin Pace (97) in the Bengals' 26-14 loss to the Jets at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008.

Police: Man charged in shooting of Jaguars lineman

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—A man authorities say was seeking revenge has been arrested in the shooting of Jacksonville Jaguars offensive lineman Richard Collier that left him paralyzed below the waist.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Undersheriff Frank Mackesy said at a news conference that 32-year-old Tyrone Romaro Hartsfield was charged Saturday with attempted murder. Hartsfield was being held in the Duval County Jail without bail and it could not immediately be determined whether he had an attorney.

Police say Hartsfield wanted revenge after he and Collier fought in April outside a nightclub.

Collier and former teammate Kenneth Pettway were waiting for two women outside an apartment complex early Sept. 2 when a gunman fired into their vehicle, according to police. Pettway was not injured.

Collier was released from the hospital earlier this week.

The lineman had 14 gunshot wounds to his back, left groin, left leg and right buttock. A bullet severed his spinal cord, causing the paralysis, and his left leg had to be amputated because of blood clots.

The 26-year-old was on a ventilator for two weeks and endured infections, bouts of pneumonia and renal failure. He has no recollection of the shooting.

Officials at the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office did not return phone messages seeking details. A message left with a Jaguars spokeswoman also was not immediately returned.

Collier, entering his third season, made the team as an undrafted rookie free agent in 2006. He competed for the starting job at left tackle this preseason but was beaten out by Barnes.

Collier is the third NFL player shot in the past year and a half. Washington Redskins star Taylor was fatally shot during what police said was a botched burglary attempt at his Miami-area home in November. Broncos cornerback Williams was killed when his rented limousine was sprayed with bullets minutes after leaving a New Year's party at a club in 2007.

NFL BRIEFS

Jets' Pace questionable, but expects to play

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP)—New York Jets linebacker Calvin Pace was listed as questionable Friday with a jammed toe, but expects to play in the team's game at Oakland. "I don't even want to call it an injury," Pace said. "It's a boo-boo." Pace, third on the team with 25 tackles and 3 1/2 sacks, jammed the big toe on one of his feet when he landed awkwardly in practice Thursday. He wouldn't reveal which toe was injured, saying, "I can't let that out. Got to keep them guessing." Pace said it was still a bit stiff Friday, but wasn't concerned. "It's just one of those things where I kind of stayed off it a little bit today and gave it a little rest," he said. "I'll be fine." Pace showed no visible signs of the injury, walking without a limp on the field and in the locker room, and said it didn't bother him much during practice. He said the toe wasn't swollen and X-rays weren't needed. "It's like jamming a finger," Pace said. "You can't really do too much for it. It's going to be sore. Hopefully nobody steps on my toe, though. That's the biggest thing."

Also listed as questionable, but expected to play were nose tackle Kris Jenkins (back), wide receiver Laveranues Coles (thigh) and linebacker Bryan Thomas (calf). Wide receiver David Clowney, out since training camp with a separated shoulder, was also questionable but practiced this week for the first time since the injury. Cornerback Justin Miller, sidelined all season with a foot injury, was probable. Kicker Mike Nugent will miss his fifth straight game while recovering from a strained right thigh.

NFL fines Bly for comments on officials

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—The NFL fined Broncos cornerback Dre' Bly $20,000 on Friday for inappropriate remarks about officials after Denver's 24-17 loss to Jacksonville last weekend. Bly was agitated over an illegal contact call he drew in the third quarter, plus a pass interference call on Broncos safety Marlon McCree in the waning moments of the game. The Broncos have caught their share of breaks from the officials this season, most notably on Ed Hochuli's blown call in a 39-38 win over San Diego, and Bly hinted that things were evening out. "I guess they've been evaluating us and say we won games we shouldn't have won. So, I guess they're going to get a call against us," Bly said of referee Bill Carollo's officiating crew after the game Sunday. Bly wasn't available for comment after the fine was announced Friday. However, he stood by his comments the day before, saying he didn't think his criticism was excessive or out of line. "I wasn't cussing them or (saying) he was a bad guy," Bly said. "I just said it was judgment calls. But I thought they were bad calls to make at (a) critical part of the game." Bly was flagged for illegal contact, even though he was tossed to the ground by Jaguars receiver Reggie Williams. The play turned a potential fourth-and-13 into an automatic first down. The Jaguars went on to score, giving them a 24-10 lead. McCree was whistled for pass interference on tight end Greg Estandia that gave Jacksonville a first down at the Denver 32 late in the game. Replays appeared to show no interference on the play. "They have to go on their instincts and their instincts told them to throw a flag," Bly said. "We can't dwell on that, that's in the past. We've got to move forward."

Bengals promote 2 players, place 2 on injury list

CINCINNATI (AP)—The Cincinnati Bengals signed tight end Nate Lawrie and cornerback Geoffrey Pope, and placed safety Herana-Daze Jones and center Kyle Cook on injury reserved on Friday. Lawrie played in three games for the Bengals last season. Pope spent the 2007 season on the Giants' practice squad, and played against his former team in the Bengals' third game this season. Jones led the Bengals in special teams tackles in 2006 and 2007, but injured a hamstring last week in a loss to the New York Jets. Cook had played in the past five games, mostly on special teams, but aggravated a dislocated toe. Quarterback Jeff Rowe, who was on the Bengals' roster last season but was waived Aug. 30, was signed to the practice squad.

Washington powers SMB past former team

MANILA, Philippines—Jay Washington was like a man on a mission in facing his former team.

Self-motivated, the three-year pro put up big numbers, and the San Miguel Beermen got past the Talk n Text Tropang Texters, 84-77, to seize solo third place in the KFC PBA Philippine Cup at the Araneta Coliseum last night.

"They shouldn't have given me up," said Washington later when asked of his message to Talk n Text.

"He played well and it came out naturally. Ganadong-ganado at gigil na gigil sa practice pa lang," said coach Siot Tanquingcen of their new recruit.

Averaging 10.7 points and 9.3 rebounds going into the game, Washington outdid himself, coming through with 21 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Beermen to a third straight win following a losing season debut against the Alaska Aces.

"It feels good to make it three in a row. But I have to insist it's a long season and we still have to work on a lot of things to be where we want it to be in the end," said Tanquingcen.

Dorian Pena and Mick Pennisi combined for 27 rebounds while Dondon Hontiveros and Bonbon Custodio scored 21 points between them, helping San Miguel deal Talk n Text a second loss in four starts.

A franchise worst field-goal shooting of 29.5 percent didn't help the Tropang Texters in their bid.

They took 48 attempts from beyond the arc, converting only 10. It was the second most number of three-point attempts made by a team in the league, next to the 51 of Tanduay in 1986.

The Texters came out flat, converting their first basket courtesy of Mark Cardona with already three minutes into the contest.

San Miguel 84 – Washington 21, Hontiveros 11, Custodio 10,Tugade 9, Pennisi 9, Pena 7, Pingris 6, Racela 5, Villanueva 4, Bono 2, Cortez 0.

Talk n Text 77 – Cardona 27, Allado 15, Alapag 9, Ritualo 9, Carey 8, Fillinger 7, Castro 2, Reyes 0, Aljamal 0, De Ocampo 0.

Scoring by quarters: 27-21, 52-41, 68-68, 84-77. ***(www.pba.com.ph)***

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break, winning the raffle's grand prize—a roundtrip ticket to Manila courtesy of Asiana Airlines.

With the wet weather Sunday morning, golfers in other flights struggled with most of them carding gross scores of 80 and above. Some were even worse, tallying in the 100s.

Jeff Taylor tied Wabol with the lowest gross, but lost the tie-break on the scorecards.

Nick Sablan was two strokes behind Wabol and Taylor, nailing a 3-over par 75 to finish third.

Seung San Choi and Manny Alvarez were the two other golfers who joined the Championship Flight firing a 78 and an 82, respectively.

Ben Jones won the A Flight, making a 78 for a two-shot win over Yasu Irinaka, who scored an 80. In third place was Ed Cho, who recorded an 82.

Juan Lizama matched Jones' score to prevail in the B Flight. He was six shots ahead of second placer Ray Aldan, who carded an 84. Pete Arriola settled for third with his 85.

The C Flight title went to Sinwon Kang, who posted a 97. John Iguel was second with his 104, while John Paul Flores finish third, making a 109.

The Ladies and Seniors flights had a double-peoria format with the Top 3 winners decided via the gross scores.

Terry Attao beat four others in the Ladies Flight with her net 78.40. Attao, who had a 24.60 handicap, fired a gross 106. Finishing second with a net 80.60 was Lorraine Babauta, followed by Yang Kyunga (81.40), Shirley Jones (82.80), and Louie Oakley (87.80).

Richard Jones took the Seniors Flight title with his net 70.20. He defeated seven other golfers in his flight. Bob Hudkins (75.40) and Min Hi Won (75.60) completed the Top 3.

SWEEP

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als' first 10 points and went on to combine for 15 more points in the halfway mark of the second half to give their team an easy win.

Allen Moses also stepped up in absence of Rabauliman and Cruz, chipping in 13 markers.

The CNMI Junior Nationals played with only five players against the G-Stars' complete crew, but still managed to win, as the latter failed to get support from its bench.

Mateo was the lone double-figure scorer for the G-Stars, and the next best scorer on the team made only eight markers.

Despite the loss, the G-Stars are already in the playoffs, along with the Junior Nationals, San Antonio Sixers, Rollers I, Kontenders, Suns, Sonics, and the Chalan Kanoa Saints.

Pairings in the first round of the playoffs are expected to be released today.

The playoffs will have a single-elimination format.

CNMI Junior Nationals 64 – White 21, Castro 20, Moses 13, Villagomez 5.

G-Stars 48 – N. Mateo 20, D. Mateo 8, Jung 8, Palacios 4, Ichihara 4, Rangamar 2, Sablan 2.

Scoring by halves: 27-26, 64-48.

MIGS

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final canto.

With a big lead, Century relaxed a bit in the fourth period, but San Miguel failed to capitalize on the former's complacency to drop to a 0-2 record.

Abuel top-scored for Century with his 29 points, while Vinas and Opone added 14 and 12 markers, respectively.

Leo Itaas led San Miguel, firing 24 markers.

In the second game, MIGS' dynamic duo of Bonbon Cadagat and Sonny Lerio was unstoppable anew, exploding for 32 and 27 points, respectively, in their 30-point win over Diamond.

Lerio also had 27 points in their first win against San Miguel, while Cadagat debuted in the league with 23 points.

In his second game, Cadagat made his presence felt early, drilling 11 first-quarter points to put MIGS in the lead after that period, 24-16.

Cadagat slowed down a bit in the second, making only five points, but Kae Bernardo was there, scoring nine and finishing with 15 first-half points.

The first half ended with Diamond still in contention, trailing by only 10, 43-53, as Ronald Delos Reyes kept his team afloat, nailing 11 markers in the second quarter.

But Diamond failed to neutralize the MIGS trio of Cadagat, Lerio, and Bernardo, who combined for 22 of their team's 30 points in the third quarter.

The trio gave MIGS an 83-63 lead, entering the final canto and the league-leading team was never threatened from thereon.

Lerio and Cadagat put the finishing touches on MIGS dominance of Diamond Auto Care, scoring 12 and 10 markers, respectively, in the fourth period.

MIGS and Diamond had a shootout from downtown with the former prevailing, connecting on 11 triples against the latter's seven.

Cadagat had six triples, while Lerio made three.

Bernardo had a double-double for MIGS, finishing with 23 points and 12 rebounds. Cadagat also had a double-double, as he recorded 12 assists.

First Game

Century 100 – Abuel 29, Vinas 14, Opone 12, Marasigan 9, Palero 9, Joyner 9, Gapor 7, Jinang 4, Gatdula 4, Maliwanag 2.

San Miguel Light 80 – Itaas 24, Garon 15, Lauron 14, Lansang 8, Sarmiento , Geli 4, Ritual 3, Reyes 2, Obnimaga 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-15, 51-37, 79-62, 100-80.

Second Game

MIGS 113 – Cadagat 32, Lerio 27, Bernardo 23, Moises 13, Basila 11,Capalad 4, Hugos 2,

Diamond Auto Care 83 – Delos Reyes 20, Esdrelon 15, Aquino 12, Ranola 11, D. Barbo 8, Bicera 6, Guiab 4, Talania 2, G. Barbo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-16, 53-43, 83-62, 113-83.

LAKERS

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pened last week.

This is not a time for him to be tentative with his rehabilitated knee, which has happened during training camp, Bynum yet to show the Lakers the full-court energy they require.

More than anything, this is not a time for his agent to be publicly popping off about the Lakers giving him a new contract.

A new contract for what?

He might be the key to the Lakers' championship run, but in three seasons he has played only about a month's worth of important games for them.

Yet last week his agent David Lee squawked about the Lakers refusing to seriously negotiate a new deal worth $85 million before an Oct. 31 deadline.

"I just don't get it," Lee said to the Los Angeles Times' Mike Bresnahan. "I do not understand certain things that happen."

Understand this: The Lakers have no idea whether Bynum will fully recover from the knee injury that cost him two-thirds of last season.

"I think he's going through a re-acclimation process still," Coach Phil Jackson said Saturday before the Lakers 108-104 exhibition victory over Barcelona FC. "Some of it has to do with finding out how much he still has to physically recover to get back to that position where he was when he left the game last January."

Understand this: Even if they don't sign him by Oct. 31, they can match any other team's offer next summer when he is a restricted free agent, so if they want him they are guaranteed to have him for at least two more years.

Why should they do something now?

"Andrew has taken everything the Lakers have thrown at him, including criticism," Lee said. "He doesn't do anything to respond other than go on the court."

Except when he's missing 110 of the Lakers' 279 regular season and postseason games since joining the club.

And what exactly have the Lakers thrown at him, except the best attention from trainer Gary Vitti's staff and extra work with every coach and everything else he needs to be the best?

OK, so Bryant wanted him to be traded. When Bynum proved himself last year, Bryant was the first guy on the bandwagon.

It's time for Bynum to prove himself again.

Allowing his agent to make such a stink about something so senseless is not the sign of someone who is focused only on his comeback.

Bynum reiterated Saturday that he approved those comments

"I knew what he was going to say. I had no problem with it," Bynum said. "But I also know that as long as I play, then everything will be fine."

So play. And tell everyone in your circle to just watch.

He has already learned that although Lakers management is used to hearing this sort of agent blather, the fans will pounce upon it, especially in a season when nothing less than a return to the NBA Finals will be enough.

When Bynum fumbled a pass Saturday at Staples Center, a fan stood and shouted one word.

"Contract!" he screamed.

When Bynum was beaten around the basket, another fan shouted out a challenge.

"Show me something!" When the Lakers were called for three seconds?

"That's on you, Bynum!" shouted a fan.

At times, moving under the basket, slicing through two defenders for a layup, Bynum looked good.

At other times, struggling to catch up with some dude who looked like he was 50, he looked winded.

He had his first alley-oop dunk in a game situation since camp began. But he also had some dumb fouls that came from being out of position.

The giant believes he will be in playing shape by opening day.

"I should be there," he said.

The coach believes that, despite Bynum's tardiness last week, he truly is working hard and not distracted by the contract stuff.

"I really think he's focused on basketball. I think he's doing fine," Jackson said.

Bynum is a good guy. He works hard. Everyone likes him. His presence in this town could one day be as big as that new body.

But 85 million dollars?

How about 82 good games?

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN OPEN SCORES

LAS VEGAS (AP)–Scores Saturday from the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, a $4.1 million (3 million euro) U.S. PGA Tour event on 7,243-yard, par-72 TPC Summerlin:

THIRD ROUND

Marc Turnesa	62-64-69	195
Chris DiMarco	69-64-63	196
Michael Allen	63-69-64	196
Ken Duke	63-66-67	196
Chris Stroud	65-65-67	197
Zach Johnson	62-65-70	197
Matt Kuchar	63-63-71	197
Brad Adamonis	67-65-66	198
Ryan Moore	66-64-68	198
John Mallinger	64-64-70	198
Brian Davis	65-68-66	199
Chad Campbell	65-67-67	199
Chez Reavie	64-66-69	199
Davis Love III	68-67-65	200
Jesper Parnevik	69-65-66	200
Pat Perez	66-63-71	200
Bill Haas	68-68-65	201
George McNeill	67-67-67	201
Kevin Na	64-70-67	201
Fred Couples	68-64-69	201
Kevin Sutherland	69-67-66	202
Charley Hoffman	67-67-68	202
Mark Hensby	69-65-68	202
Robert Garrigus	65-69-68	202
Woody Austin	67-67-68	202
Daniel Chopra	69-65-68	202
Patrick Sheehan	68-69-66	203
Mike Weir	69-68-66	203
Tom Pernice, Jr.	68-68-67	203
Parker McLachlin	67-69-67	203
Joe Durant	65-70-68	203
Charles Howell III	67-67-69	203
John Huston	71-63-69	203
Rich Beem	66-65-72	203
Kent Jones	69-69-66	204
Charles Warren	65-72-67	204
Bo Van Pelt	67-69-68	204
James Driscoll	71-65-68	204
Mark Wilson	70-65-69	204
Steve Marino	71-64-69	204
Bob Estes	66-68-70	204
Scott Sterling	69-65-70	204
John Riegger	66-68-70	204
Ryuji Imada	67-66-71	204
Nick Watney	63-68-73	204
Dean Wilson	69-63-72	204
Tim Herron	72-65-68	205
Jason Day	70-67-68	205
Kevin Streelman	68-69-68	205
Martin Laird	67-68-70	205
Frank Lickliter II	65-69-71	205
Nick Flanagan	64-74-68	206
Ben Crane	69-69-68	206
Jason Gore	68-70-68	206
Eric Axley	68-69-69	206
David Duval	69-68-69	206
Kenneth Ferrie	66-70-70	206
Mathew Goggin	68-67-71	206
Charlie Wi	69-66-71	206
Hunter Mahan	65-69-72	206
Jeff Maggert	70-68-69	207
Mike Ruiz	67-71-69	207
Tim Wilkinson	72-65-70	207
Brett Quigley	68-67-72	207
Peter Lonard	66-69-72	207
Omar Uresti	68-70-70	208
Jeff Overton	69-69-70	208
Steve Lowery	68-70-70	208
Jason Allred	69-69-70	208
Matt Jones	66-71-71	208
Nicholas Thompson	68-65-75	208

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LOCAL SCORES

Rotary Standings

Jr. Nationals	8	0
Sixers	7	1
Rollers I	5	3
G-Stars	4	4
Kontenders	3	5
Suns	2	6
Saints	2	6
Sonics	2	6

The Week in Sports

Local sports rejuvenated by new leagues

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New leagues kicked off last week ensuring a busy schedule for CNMI sports enthusiasts in the remaining months of 2008.

The 2008 NMIFA Women's Futsal Fall League kicked off with six teams and with more than 60 female strikers joining the inaugural league.

Teams 1, 4, and 5 won their debuts in the league which is being played at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium

The Inaugural 2008 PILCOWA-San Miguel Beer Basketball League also opened last week at the CIC Center Basketball Court drawing seven teams.

The list include Century Insurance, AON Insurance, C&R Distributors, Diamond Auto Care, MIGS, Olivos, and Pacific Trading Corporation.

Four teams played in the opening day with AON Insurance and MIGS beating Century Insurance and San Miguel-PTC, respectively. Powerhouse C&R Distributors debuted Thursday and downed Olivos/GEC, 103-96.

Another basketball league opened last week with the Filipino Community Church and Calvary International Mission holding the 3rd CIM-FCC Inter-Color Basketball League-Genesis Cup.

Isaiah-Mission Correction Ministry outclassed Ezekiel-Victorious Christian Church, 70-65, in the opening game Friday.

The two other teams competing in the league—Daniel and Joshua—will debut this weekend.

Two local sports officials were elected to lead their respective association.

Mike Borja was elected president of the Saipan Little League Baseball and is looking to buckle down to work as he wants to open the league early next year to accommodate more teams.

Like Borja, Dandan Elementary School principal Jonas Barcinas is expected to have his hands full in the next few weeks after being named commissioner of the 2008 NMIFA/PSS U12 Interscholastic Football League.

The U12 league was supposed to open Wednesday, but strong rain caused its postponement. Barcinas and the rest of PSS coaches and NMIFA officials are hoping to start the league this Wednesday.

Local sports community showed its hospitality to off-island visitors last week.

The Northern Marianas Badminton Federation and CNMI sports supporter Jerry Tan hosted a farewell party for Oceania Badminton Confederation regional development manager Tony Mardaunt.

Mardaunt left the island last week after an 11-day visit and had good words for NMBF saying its passion to the sport will bring results in the future.

Another Saipan visitor—AFC instructor Jose Ariston Padre Caslib of the Philippines—left the island last week after spending a good time with NMIFA and PSS coaches.

Caslib was on island for nine days to conduct an introductory coaching course.

Over on Tinian, the Marianas Amateur Table Tennis Association hosted 11 Japanese players through the Large Ball Ping-Pong Tournament.

Japanese players, led by Asian Games gold medalist Hiroyuki Abe, dominated the ping-pong tournament placing first and third in the team competition.

MATTA also held the 10th Marianas Friendship Cup at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino with Tinian winning both the singles and doubles events.

Ongoing leagues on Saipan went ahead as scheduled last week with two teams showing domination over their foes.

The CNMI Junior Nationals defeated the San Antonio Sixers, 89-74, to claim the pennant in the 2008 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League.

The Junior Nationals swept the regular season of the 18-and-under caging posting an 8-0 record.

Acme Roofing is also perfect, recording a 5-0 mark in the ongoing 2008 Miller Lite Four-Person Beach Volleyball League at the Pacific Islands Club sand court. Acme Roofing is the lone undefeated squad in the 11-team field.

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AFC instructor Jose Ariston Padre Caslib of the Philippines, talks do Katie Peters before the start of the practical session of the introductory coaching course at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Team 5 and Team 2 strikers battle for the ball during last Saturday's game in the Inaugural 2008 NMIFA Women's Futsal League at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.

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AON Insurance's Mike Eclevia, (8), is defended by Century's Jawn Joyner during their game in the opening of the 2008 PILCOWA-San Miguel Beer Basketball League last week at the CIC Center Basketball Court.

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The CNMI Junior Nationals' Joseph White drives against four Sixers defenders during their game in the Rotary caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Participants in the 10th Marianas Friendship Cup pose for a group photo at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

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Isaiah's Oyo Mendoza goes for a shot against a phalanx of Ezekiel defenders during the opening game in the 3rd CIM-FCC Inter-Color Basketball League-Genesis Cup at the CIM Basketball Court in Gualo Rai Friday afternoon.

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Thai One On players chase the ball during their game against Acme Roofing, which is leading the 2008 Miller Lite Four-Person Beach Volleyball League.

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Red Sox force Game 7 by topping Rays 4-2

Now look who's one win away from the World Series. The Boston Red Sox, playing like the defending champs they are, came out swinging and beat Tampa Bay 4-2 Saturday night to force a Game 7.

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Three in a row for Wabol

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Championship Flight winner Jess Wabol, right, receives his first place certificate from Fran Castro during the award ceremony for the Inaugural Off The Beaten Path Golf Tournament Saturday at Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

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Jess Wabol continued his dominance in local golf tournaments, winning the Inaugural Off The Beaten Path Golf Tournament Saturday at Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort.

Last month, Wabol prevailed in the 3rd Annual Kristo Rai Parish Golf Tournament and the 13th Annual Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic.

"The breaks are going on my side," said Wabol. "Also, winning one tournament after another gives you confidence every time you join a tournament."

Wabol shot a 1-over par 73 at the Kagman course, surviving the damp greens and intermittent rain to top the Championship Flight of the fundraising tournament, which proceeds will be used to help CHC purchase a CT scan machine and hyperbaric chamber.

"Weather is always a factor in a game and you have to live with it. Just focus on your shot and make necessary adjustments if needed," said Wabol who caught another

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MIGS takes lead; Century recovers

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Century Insurance' s Gil Gapor, right, challenges the defense of San Miguel Light's Jojo Garon, center, and Alex Lauron during their game in the Inaugural 2008 PILCOWA-San Miguel Beer Basketball League Saturday night at the CIC Center Basketball Court in Garapan.

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MIGS claimed the early lead, while Century Insurance bounced back in the Inaugural 2008 PILCOWA-San Miguel Beer Basketball League after routing their foes Saturday night at the CIC Center Basketball Court in Garapan.

Century Insurance walloped San Miguel Light, 100-80, to recover from its opening day loss to AON Insurance, 87-103, while MIGS had another blowout win, whipping Diamond Auto Care, 113-83. MIGS demolished San Miguel Light, 114-77, in its first game.

Century Insurance controlled the game from the opening tip and this time hung on to the lead until the final buzzer to improve to a 1-1 record. Century was also in the driver's seat in the first half against AON Insurance, but collapsed in the second to lose its debut.

Dennis Vinas and William Opone led Century's good start, knocking down eight points apiece to give their team a 24-19 lead at the end of the first period.

Century increased the lead to 14 at halftime, as Luis Abuel found his marks, making two triples and scoring 10 markers.

Abuel played even better in the third period, nailing three more triples and scoring 15 points to give Century a 17-point lead, 79-62, entering the

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Sweep for CNMI Jr. Nationals

The CNMI Junior Nationals' Joseph White, left, fakes off the defense of the Sixers' Jared Ano during their game in the Rotary caging Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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The CNMI Junior Nationals swept the regular season of the 2008 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League after whipping the G-Stars, 64-48, Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Junior Nationals finished the single-round robin regular season with an 8-0 record, while the G-Stars carded a 4-4 slate, losing their last two games.

The Rotary pennant champion defeated the G-Stars sans its two main gunner—Marvin Rabauliman and Jericho Cruz. Rabauliman was serving a two-game suspension, which ended Friday, while Cruz was nursing a minor injury.

The backcourt tandem of Joseph White and Jose Castro carried the load for the Junior Nationals in absence of Rabauliman and Cruz.

The White-Castro pair combined for more than half of the Junior Nationals' output with the former firing 21 points and the latter adding 20.

Nate Mateo paced the G-Stars with 21 markers. He scored his team's first four points and added eight more in the first half, as the G-Stars kept the Junior Nationals within striking distance, trailing by only one at halftime, 26-27.

But the Junior Nationals began pulling away in the second half with Castro and White using their speed to elude the G-Stars defenders and cruise to several easy layups.

The duo scored the Junior Nation-

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Lakers' Bynum still has to prove something

By BILL PLASCHKE
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Less than two weeks before the start of the NBA season, and Andrew Bynum laughs like he's still on summer vacation, hopping around the center of the locker room like a giant child.

Then you look closer and realize that, when describing the key to the Lakers' season, those words no longer go together.

He's no child. He's all giant.

Have you seen him? The kid who wandered into the Lakers' locker room three years ago has become a man—huge biceps, broad shoulders, no longer gets lost in Shaq's locker.

In nine days, he'll be 21 years old, entering his fourth NBA season, which is exactly how long it took another Lakers high school draftee to win his first championship, a guy named Kobe Bryant.

For Bynum, it's graduation year.

Which doesn't give him an excuse for senioritis.

This is not a time to him to be late for practice, which hap-

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